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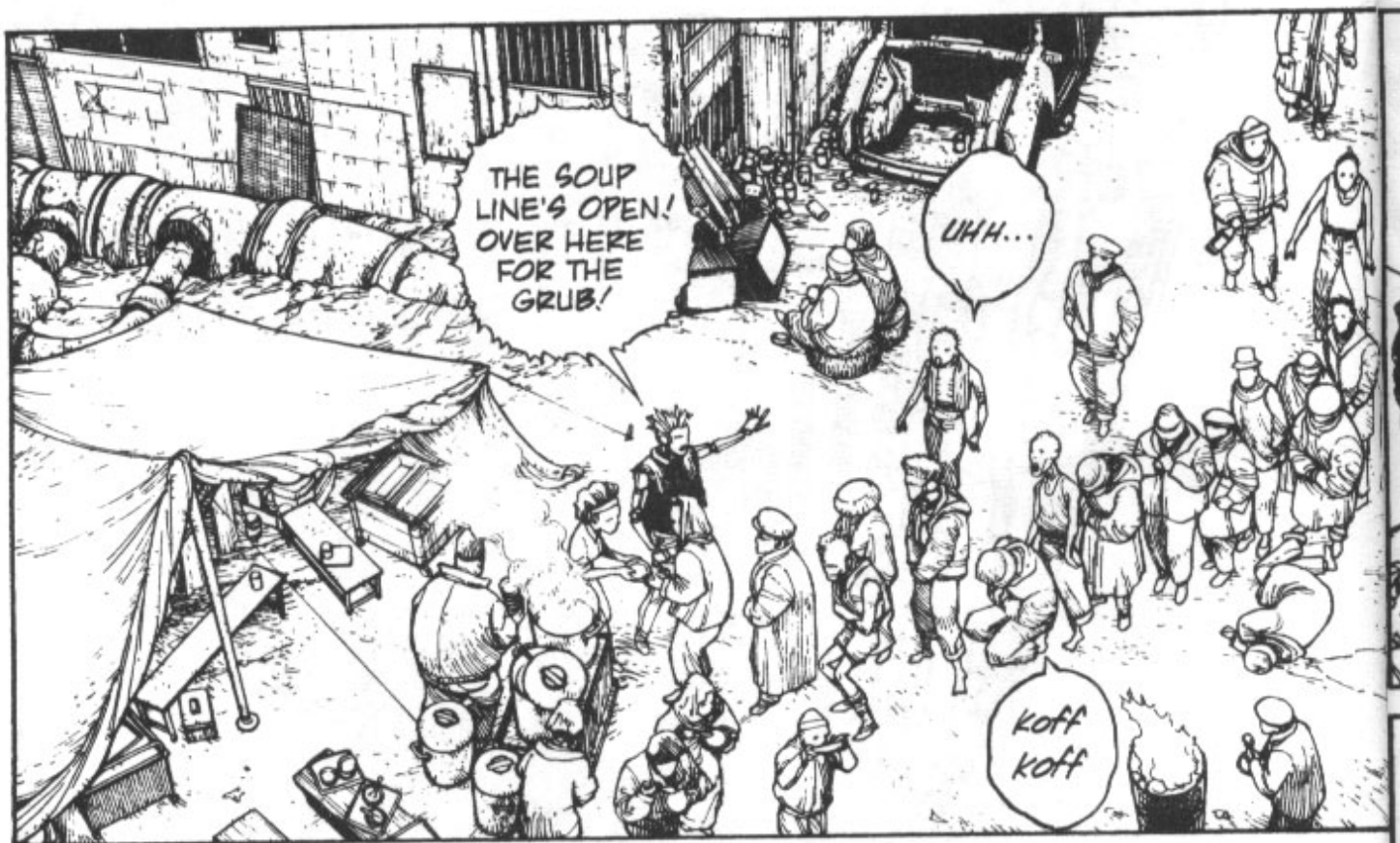
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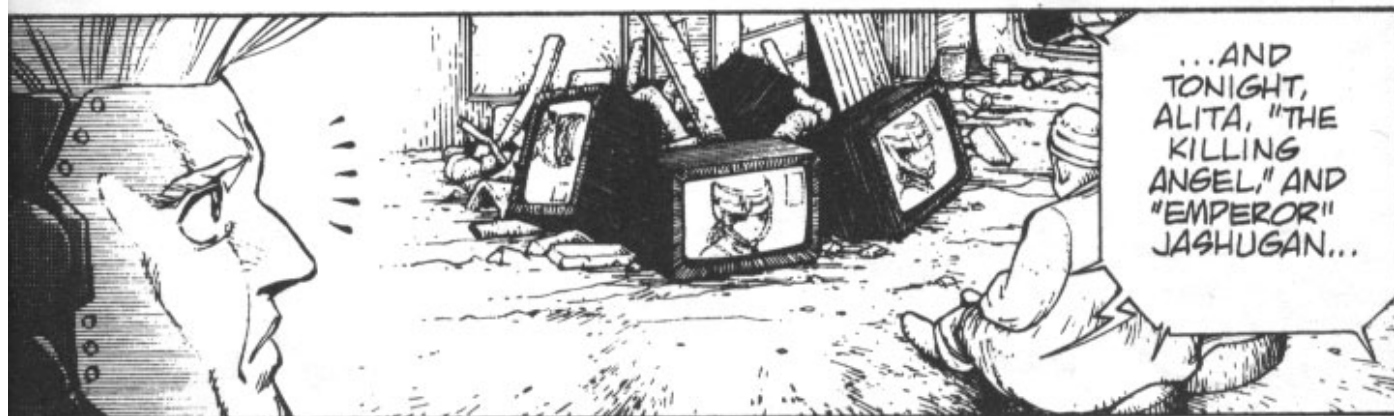
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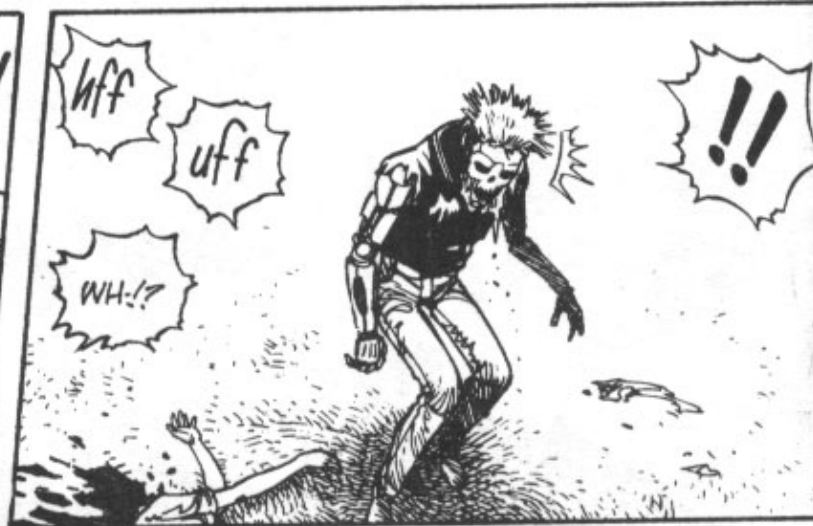












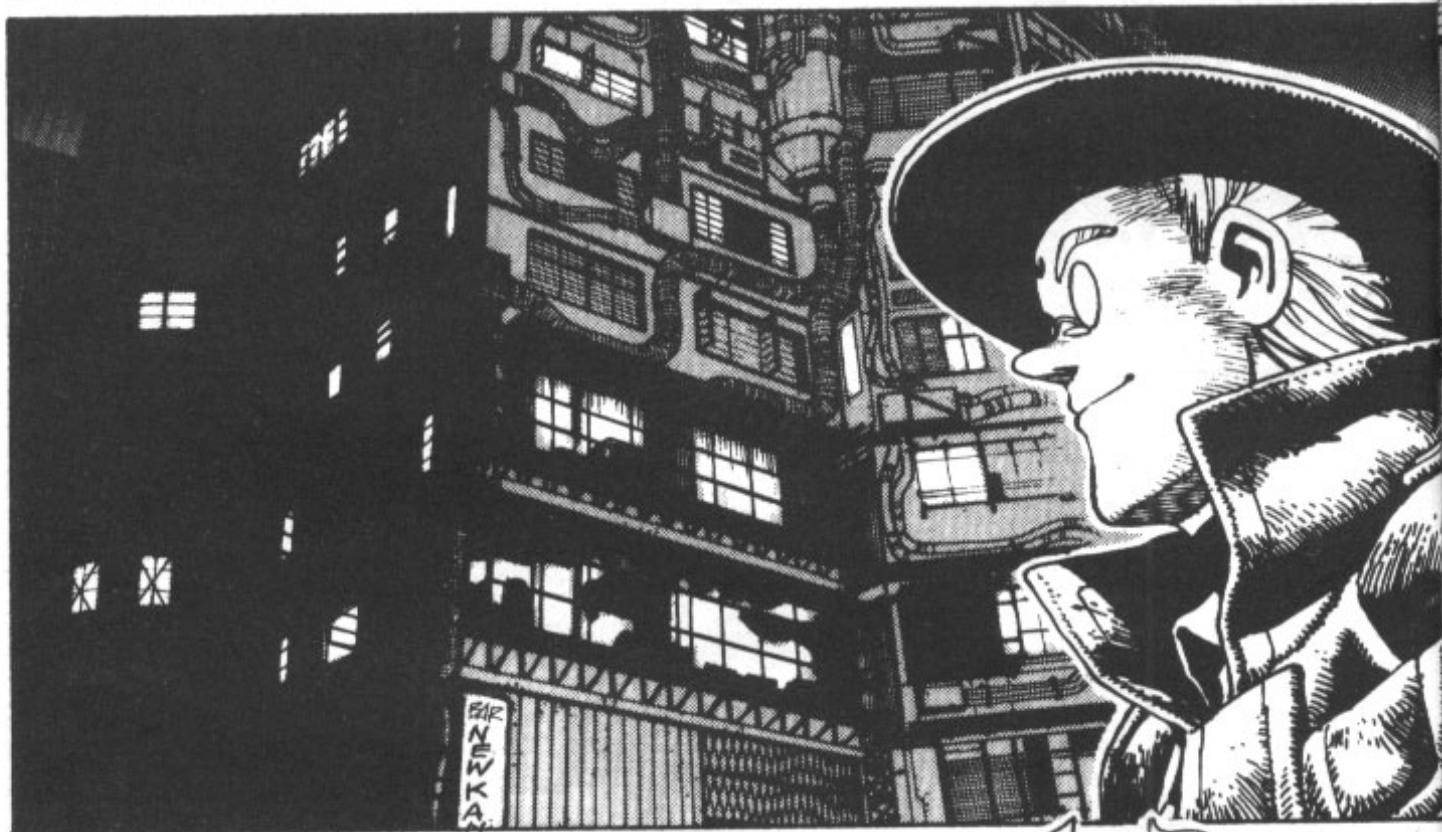


REWARD 50,000 CHIPS
NOTICEABLE MARKS:
DAMAGE TO FACE

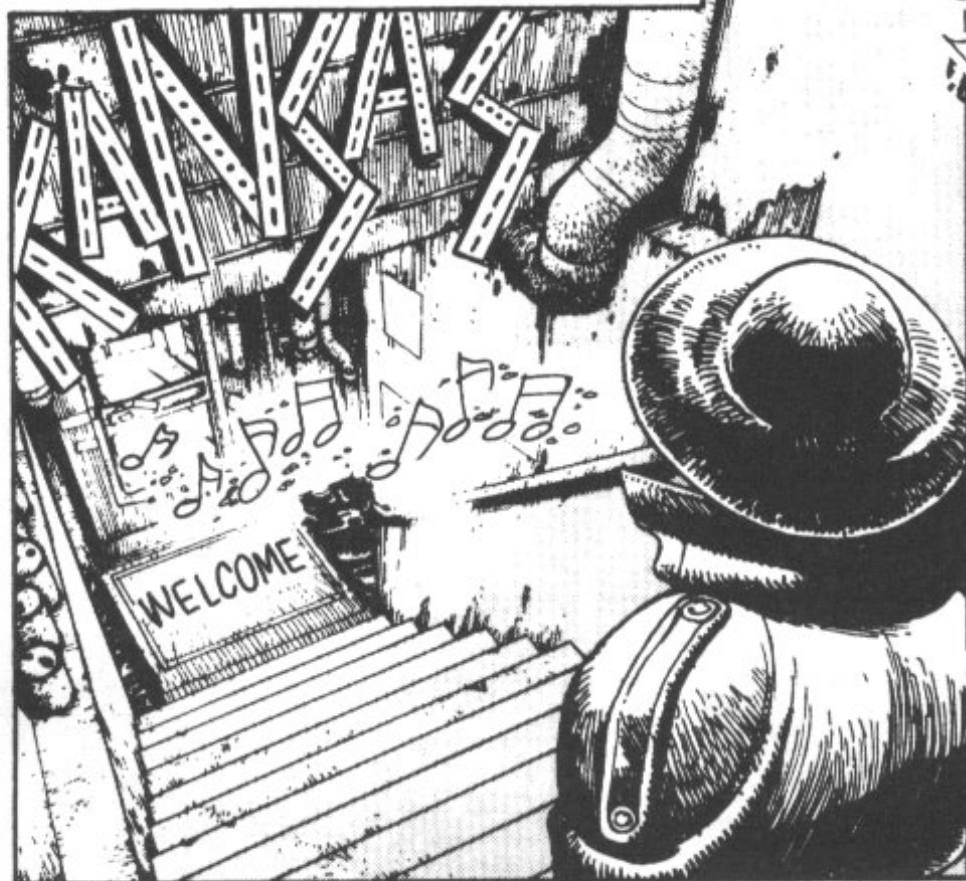


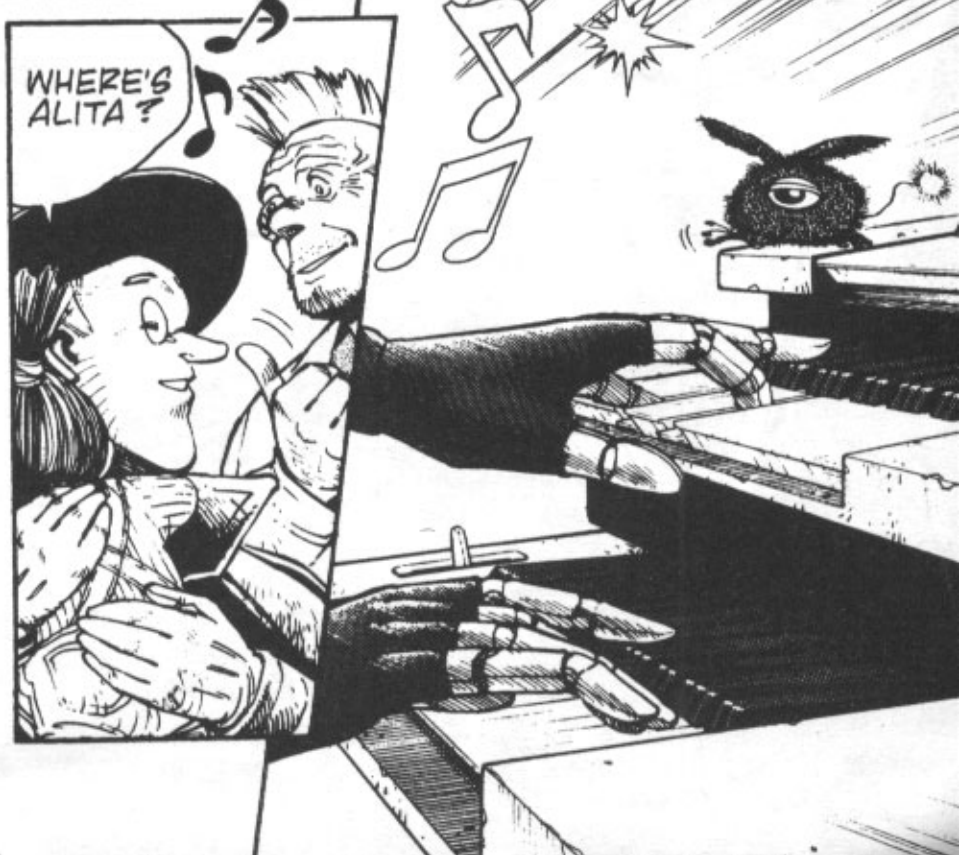
ZAPAN
EX-HUNTER WARRIOR
MURDER

TWO YEARS LATER



BAR NEW KANSAS







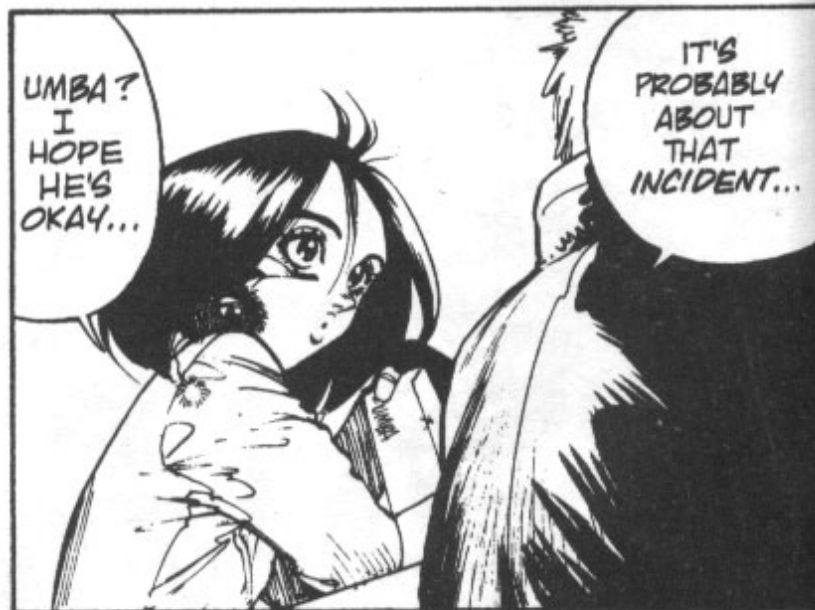
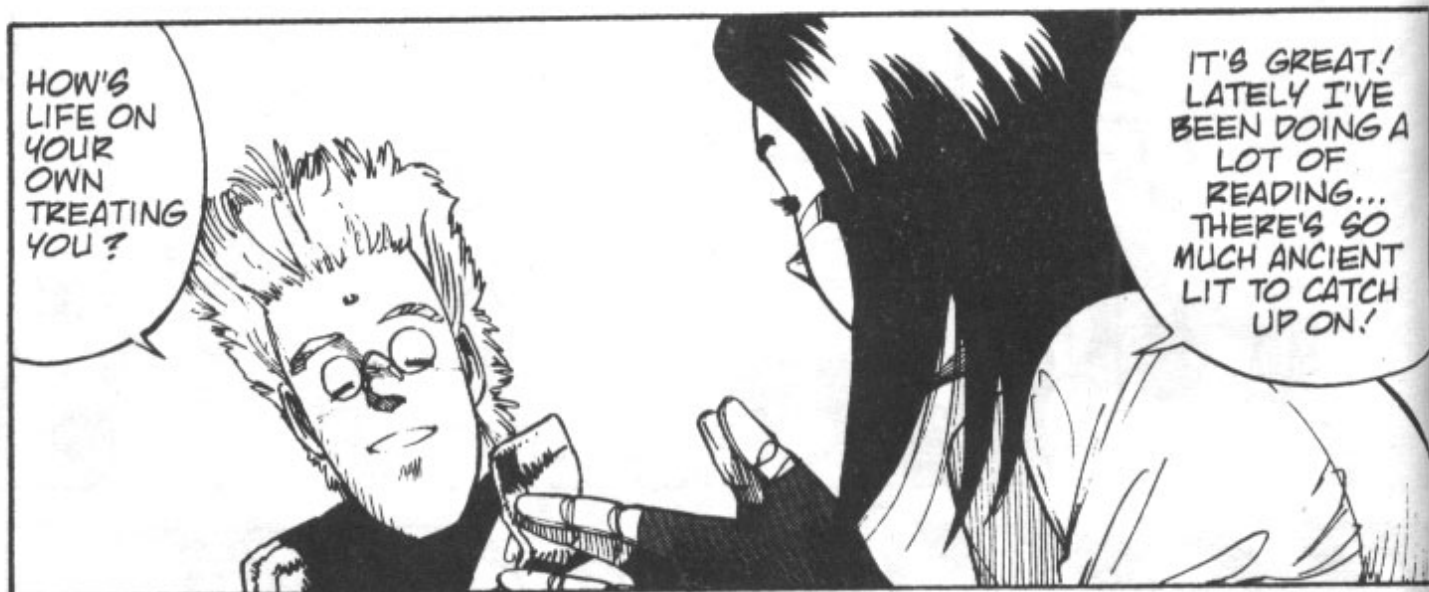
IN THE DARK
I'LL SEE YOU
...LIKE AN ANGEL...

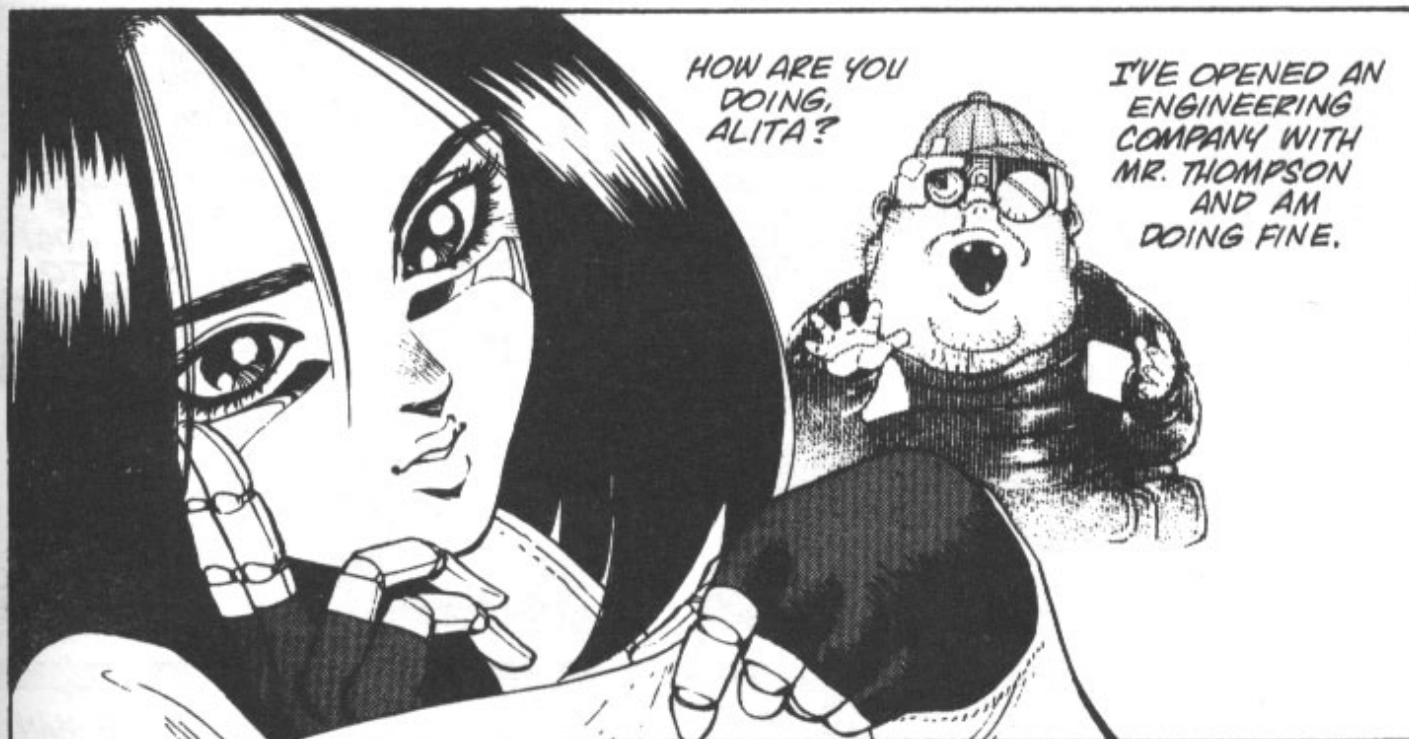
NO MATTER
HOW YOU TRY
...LIKE AN ANGEL...











HOW ARE YOU
DOING,
ALITA?

I'VE OPENED AN
ENGINEERING
COMPANY WITH
MR. THOMPSON
AND AM
DOING FINE.

NOW
TO THE
REASON
FOR MY
LETTER.

IT'S ABOUT
THE BODY (YOU
CALLED IT THE
"BERSERKER BODY")
THAT YOU PLACED
INTO STORAGE
DURING YOUR
MOTORBALL DAYS--
AND HOW ED
SOLD IT WITHOUT
TELLING YOU...



I'M SURE ED
DID IT TO TRY
AND KEEP YOU
ON THE CIRCUIT...
BUT IT'S STILL
UNFORGIVABLE.

I'VE BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR IT--
HIRING SOME
TRACKERS
TO SCOUR
THE SCRAP-
YARD--AND...







AHH...
THAT
ALITA
IS SURE
GREAT!
WHAT A
DIVA!

AHH, JUST
ONCE I'D
LOVE TO
HOLD HER
IN MY
ARMS AND
SMACK!



YEAH,
RIGHT! AS
IF YOU
HAD ANY
HOPES OF
KISSING
HER!

HA HA HA

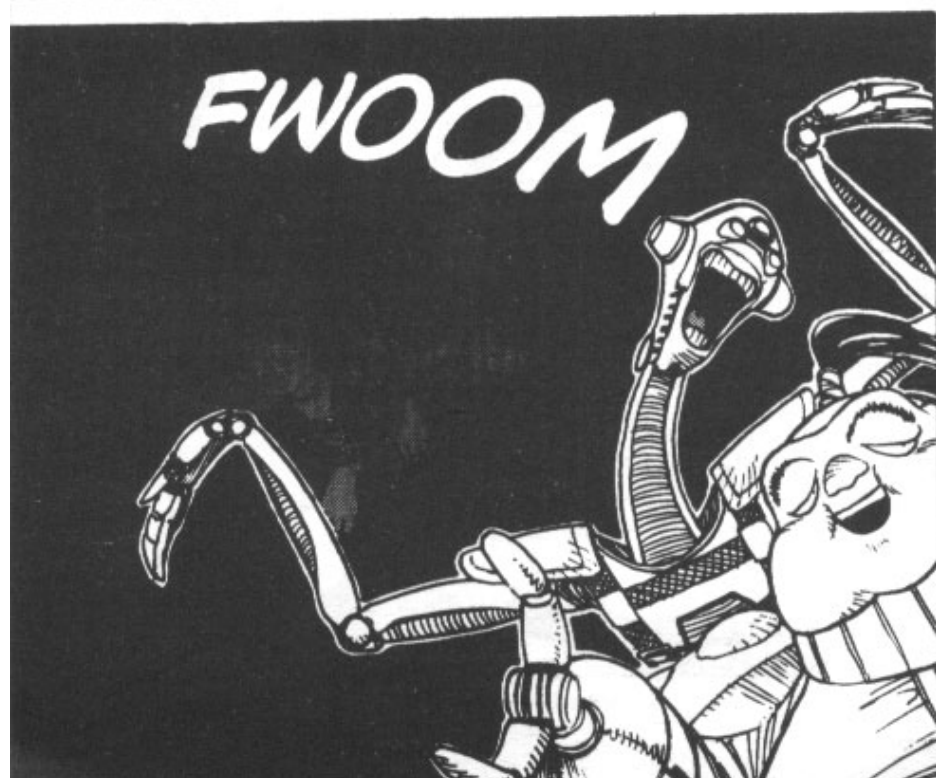
KLONK

OW!



HA HA
HA

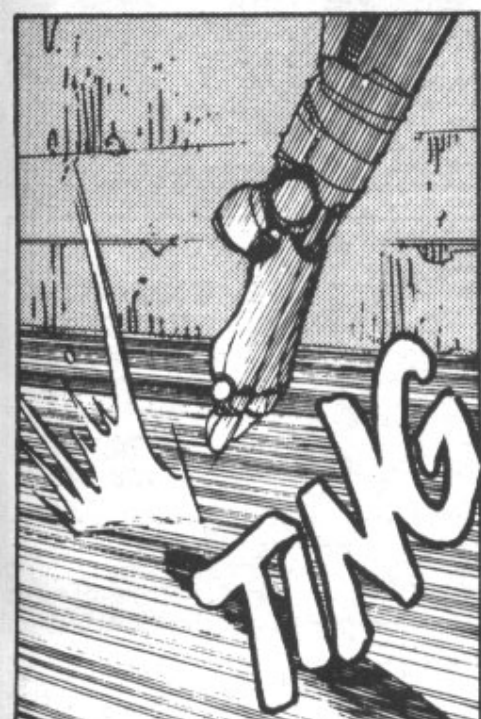
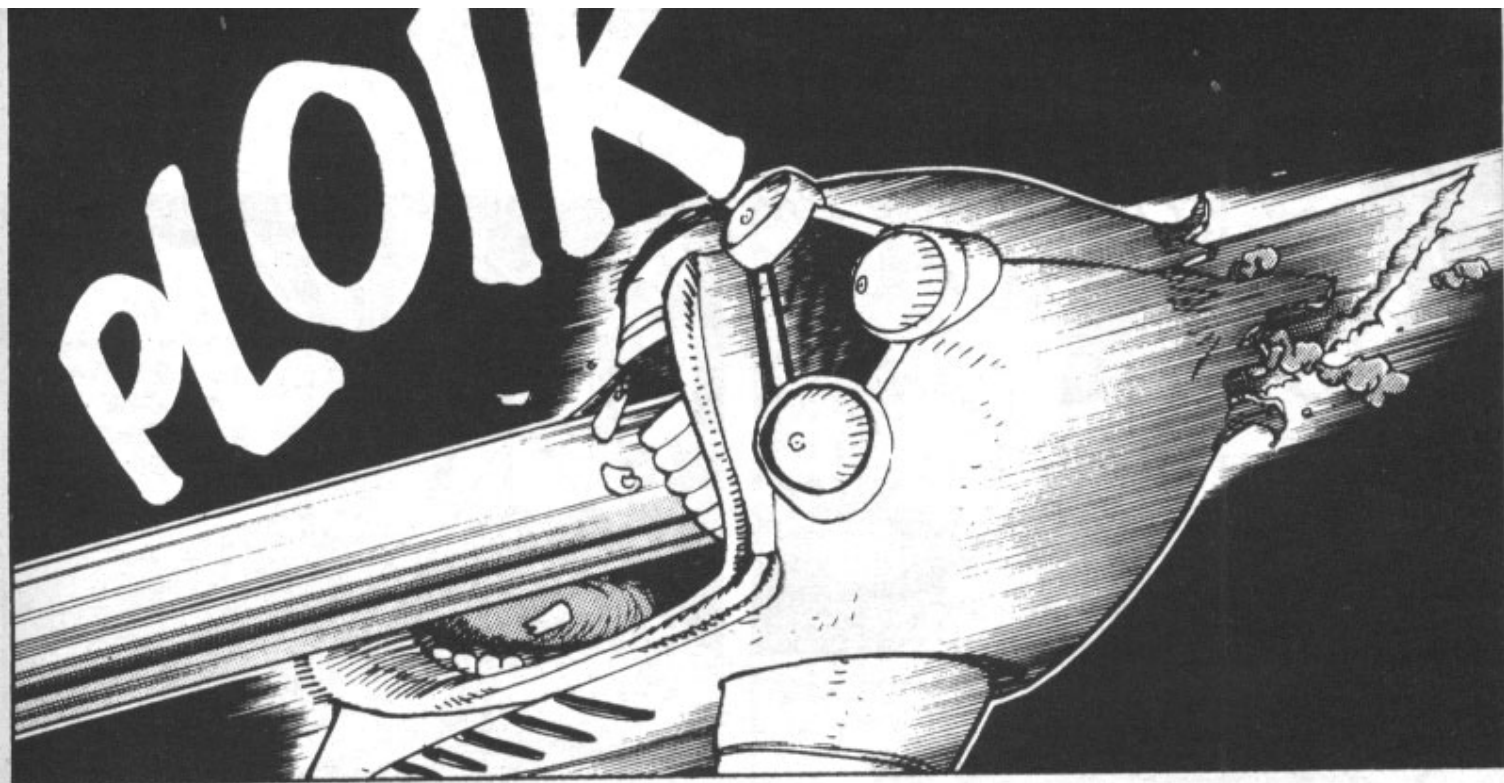
CUT
IT
OUT
!



FWOOM



HMM--
!?





SINCE WHEN... DID YOU GUYS... BECOME ALITA'S LAP DOGS...?



Y-YOU'RE...

Z-ZAPAN... YOU'RE ZAPAN, RIGHT...!?



I'M GLAD... YOU REMEMBER ME...



W-WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

YOU'RE NOT STILL HOLDING A GRUDGE AGAINST ALITA, ARE YOU!?



YEAH...
DOES THAT
GIRL STILL
REMEMBER...?

DOES SHE
STILL REMEMBER
WHAT SHE
TOOK FROM ME?
OR WILL I
HAVE TO
REMIND HER...?



I CAN
NEVER
REST...

...NOT
UNTIL I
SHARE THE
HELL I'VE
SEEN WITH
HER...



YOU'RE
O-OUT
OF YOUR
MIND...!

DO YOU
SERIOUSLY
THINK
YOU CAN
DEFEAT
ALITA...?



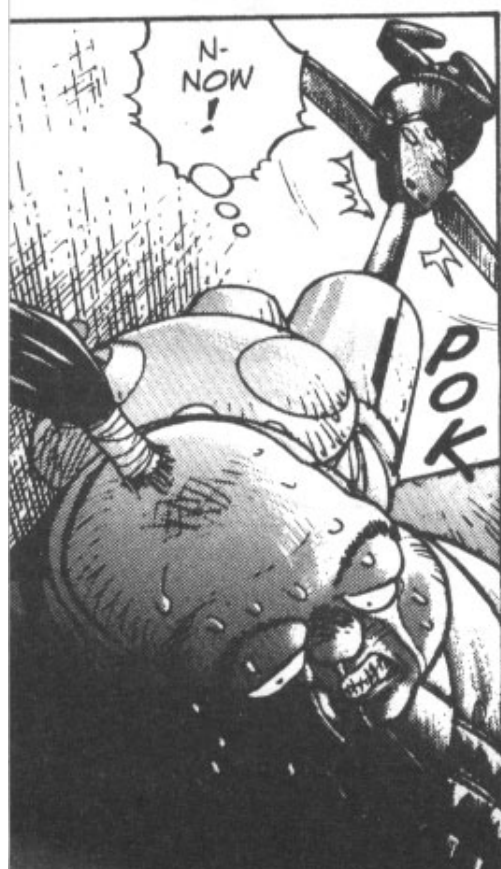
KANG

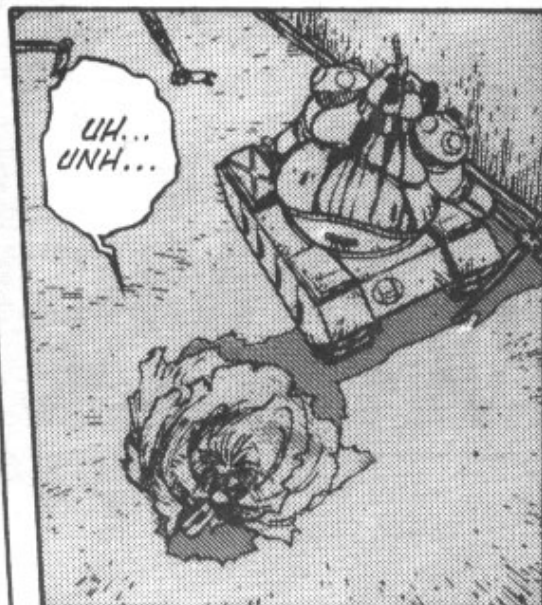


SHE'S THE
BEST KILLER
THE SCRAP-
YARD'S EVER
SEEN! WHO
ELSE COULD'VE
DEFEATED
THAT MONSTER
MAKAKU!?

HEH
HEH
HEH

COMPARED
TO HER,
WE'RE
NOTHING
BUT A
BUNCH OF
INSECTS...

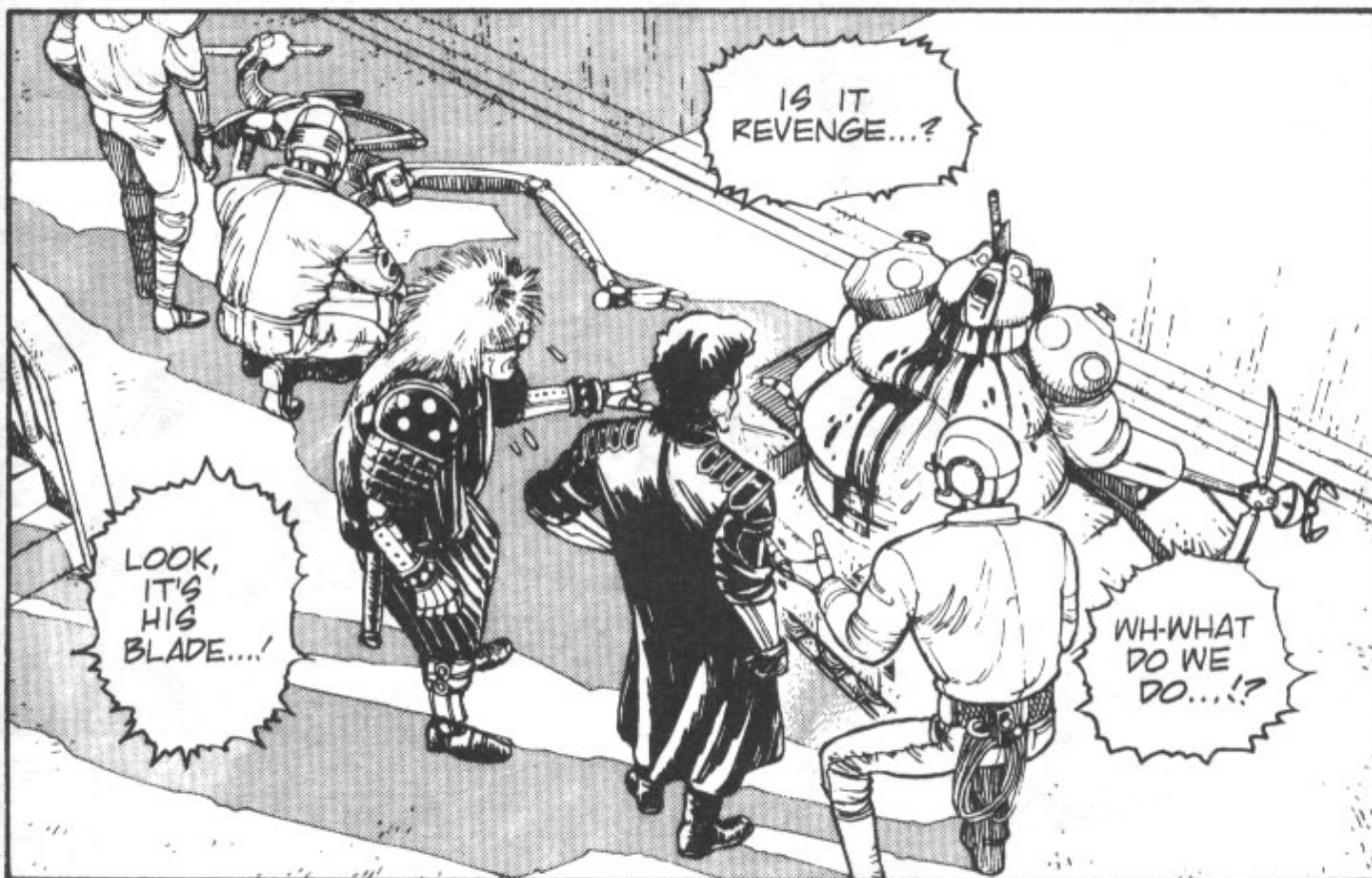
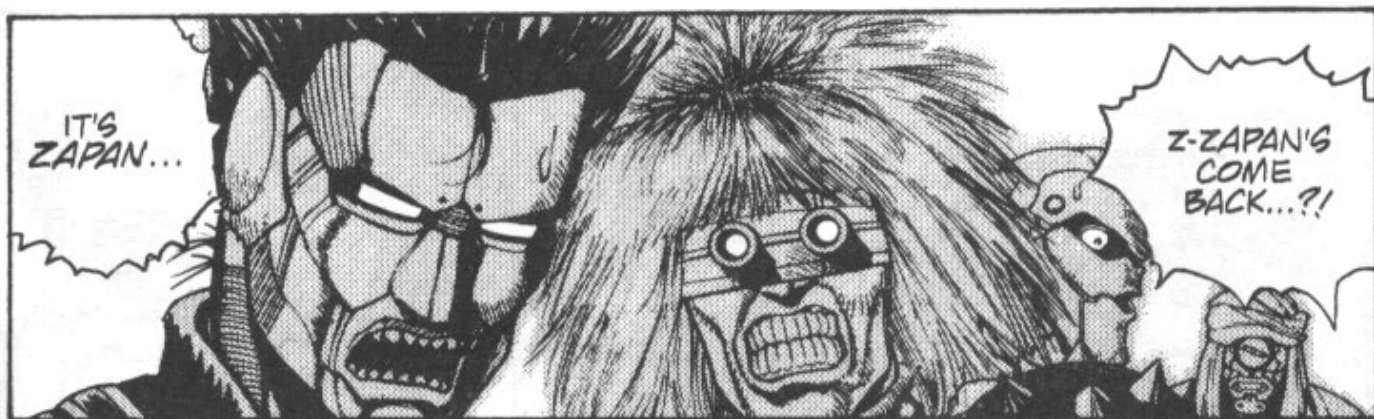




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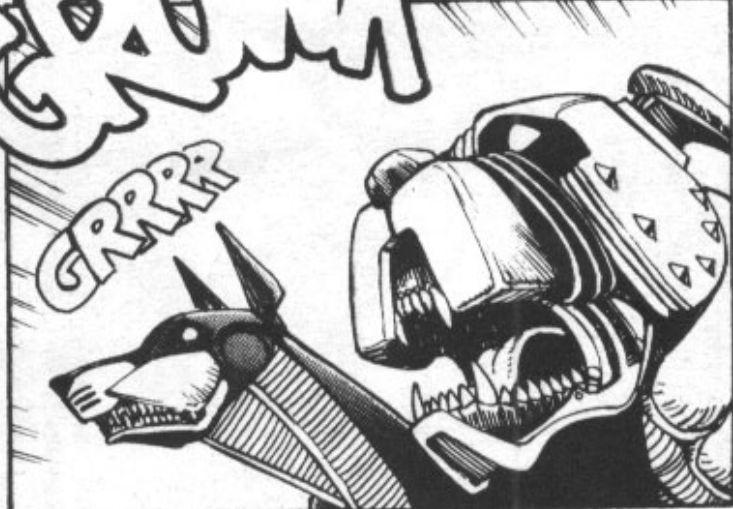
Cycle 2: Melody of Redemption







GROWL



CUT IT OUT.!





...D-DRUGS...

...ANYTHING--
JUST
GIMME
SOMETHING...
TO KILL
THE
FEAR...

CAN I
RECOMMEND
THE "HOT
FREEZE"?
REALLY...OOOH...
PLEASANT
TONIGHT, YA
KNOW?



ANYTHING!
JUST TAKE
AWAY MY
SADNESS...

KUKUKUKU

THEN THIS
ONE'S YOUR
TICKET!
TRY SOME
"DESOLATION
ROAD," IF
YOU WANT
ONLY THE
HAPPIEST
HALLUCINATIONS...



IS THIS
ALL YOU
GOT? WHAT
DO YOU
TAKE ME
FOR?

GIMME A
DISCOUNT...

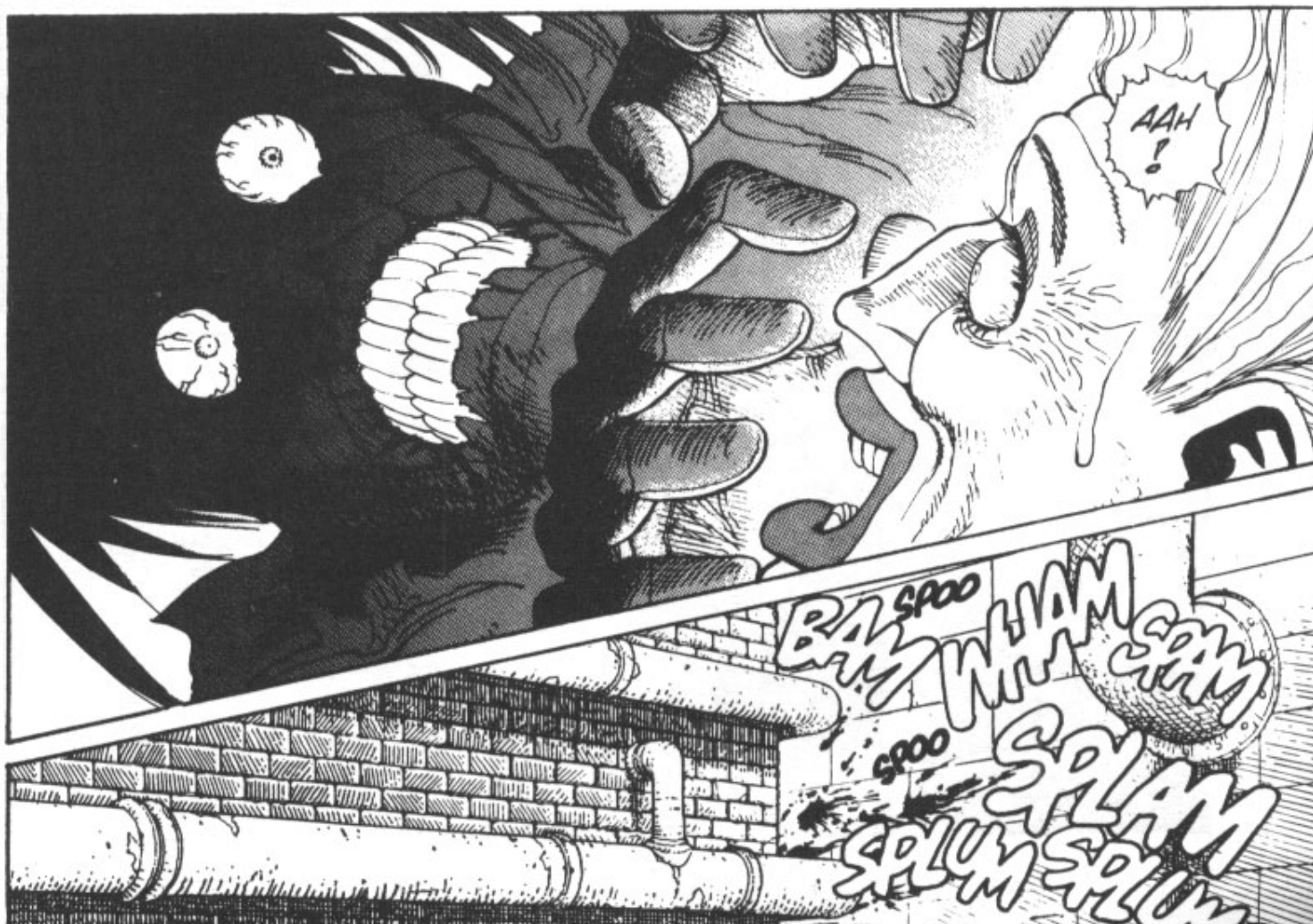


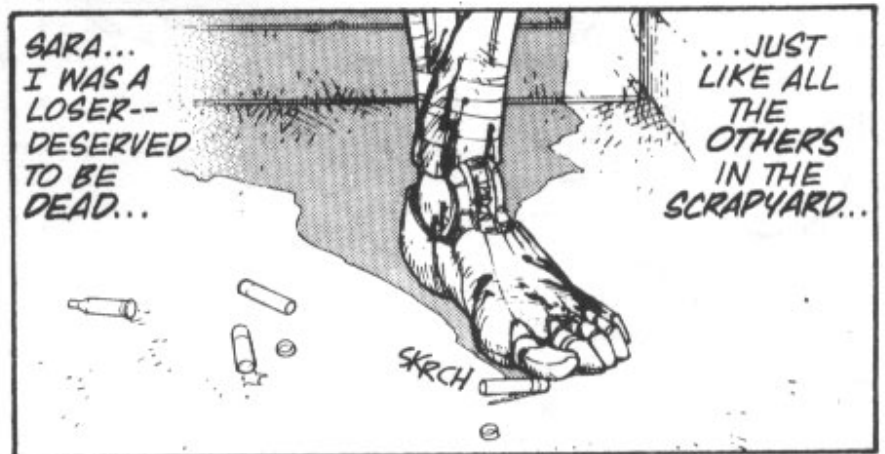
OH
?



HEY, YOU
DO HAVE
SOMETHING!
LET ME
SEE WHAT
YOU GOT
THERE!

UNHH...
ST-STOP
IT!





"...FATHER
ALWAYS SAID
THAT THERE'S
NO NEED TO
BE SYMPA-
THETIC TO
A LOSER..."



"...BUT
HERE, IN THE
SCRAPYARD,
NO ONE
EVER TRULY
WINS."

AND YOU...
YOU GAVE YOUR
FLESH AND
BLOOD
TO THAT
CAUSE.

"IT'S A
DUTY...TO GIVE
HAPPINESS
TO AS MANY
PEOPLE AS
POSSIBLE."



URRRGH...
YOU'RE
SUCH A
WHORE..."



I'M SURE
IF YOU
COULD
SPEAK
RIGHT NOW,
YOU'D
SAY..."



"...I'M
HAPPY
TO HAVE
HAD MY
HEAD
LOPPED
OFF BY
YOU."

RIGHT...?
=SOB=



BUT I
WON'T
FORGIVE
YOU!



I
WON'T
FORGIVE
WHAT
YOU
DID TO
ME!



HEY!

YOU'RE MURDOCK,
THE DOG
MASTER--
RIGHT?



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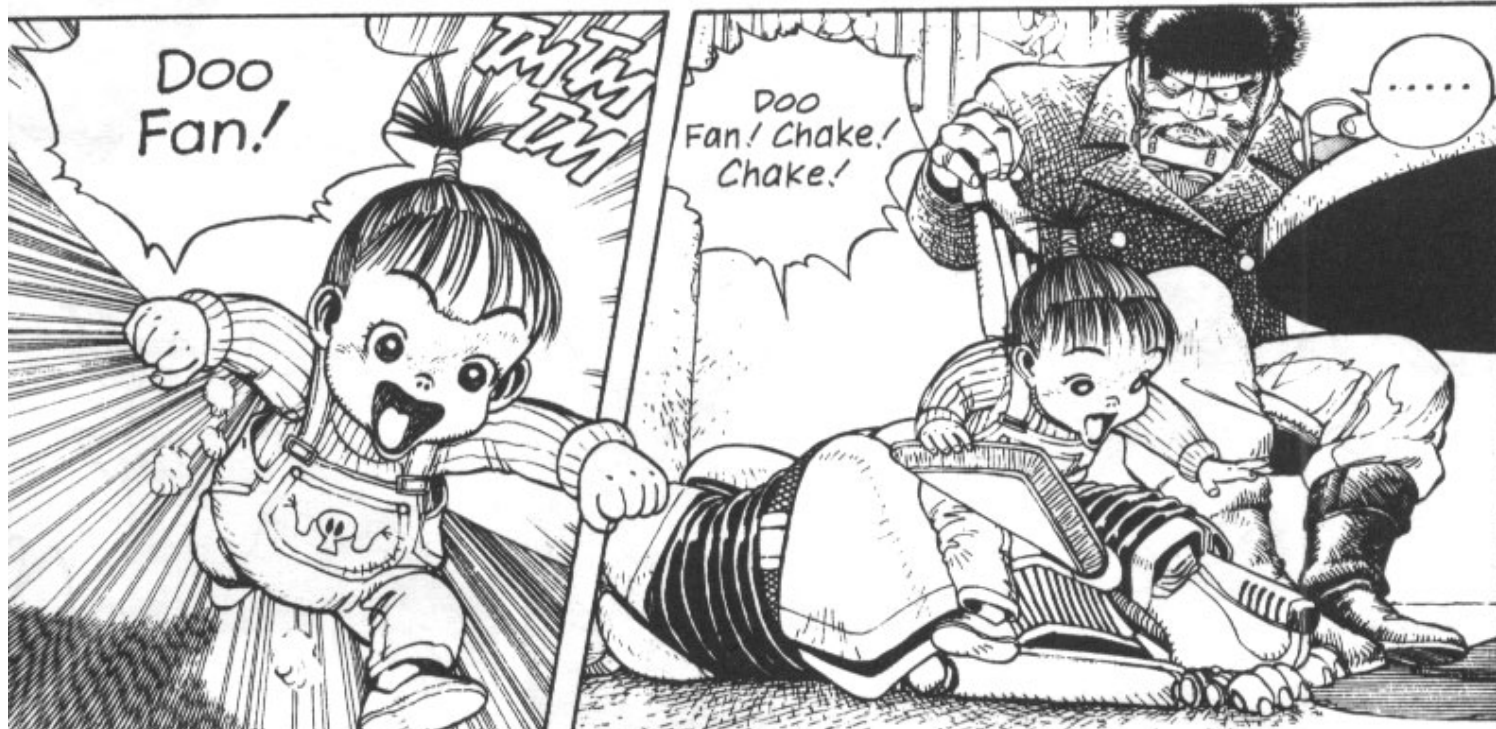


OH? HE'S
FAMOUS?

YEP! OL'
MURDOCK IS A
HUNTER-WARRIOR
UP THERE IN THE
RANKS WITH CLIVE
LEE OF THE
'WHITE HOT PALM!'
THE ONE WHO
FRIED-- HIT
BY LIGHTNING!



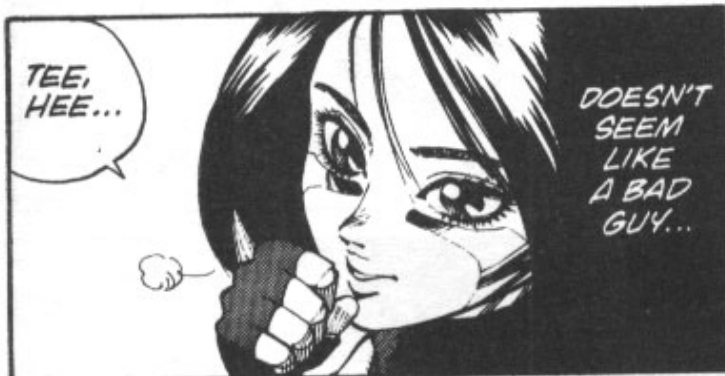
HMPH.



Doo
Fan!

Doo
Fan! Chake!
Chake!

.....





SHE WAS
SUCH A
STUBBORN
CHILD...

HAD SHE
JUST LISTENED
TO MY WARNINGS,
SHE WOULDN'T
HAVE DIED
SUCH A
HORRIBLE
DEATH...



HE'S STILL
ON THE
RUN, YOU
KNOW--
WITH MY
DAUGHTER'S
HEAD...



NOW
DO
YOU
SEE
!?

ZAPAN
IS
MY
PREY
!

HE
WILL BE
MINE
!







IT'S BEEN
A LONG
TIME...

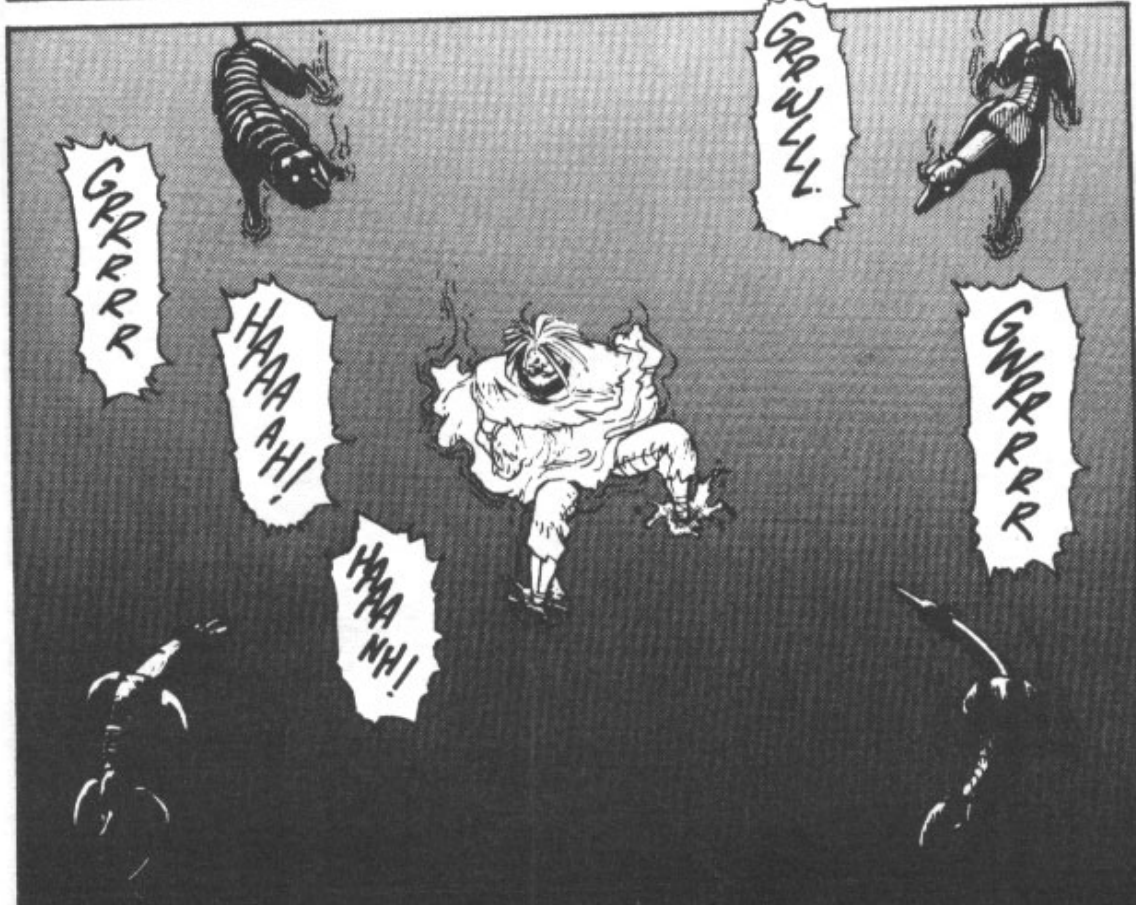
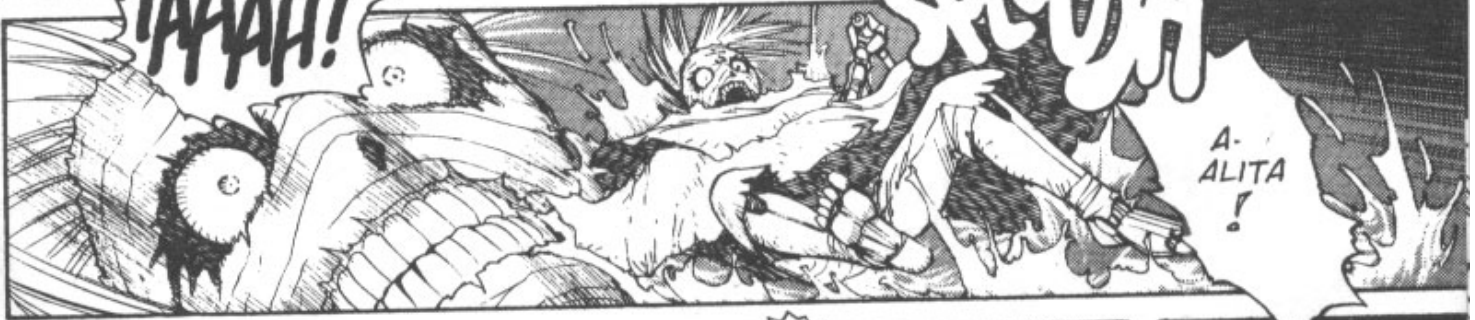
ZAPAN.



YAAAH!

SRLOOH

A-
ALITA
!



GRRRR

HAAAH!

HAAAH!

GRRRR

GRRRR



ZAPAN!
NOW
I'VE GOT
YOU...



GIVE IT UP,
COCKROACH!

VALOR,
GLORY,
FURY,
HUBRIS!



GRARR

2000!

ST-
STAY
AWAY
!

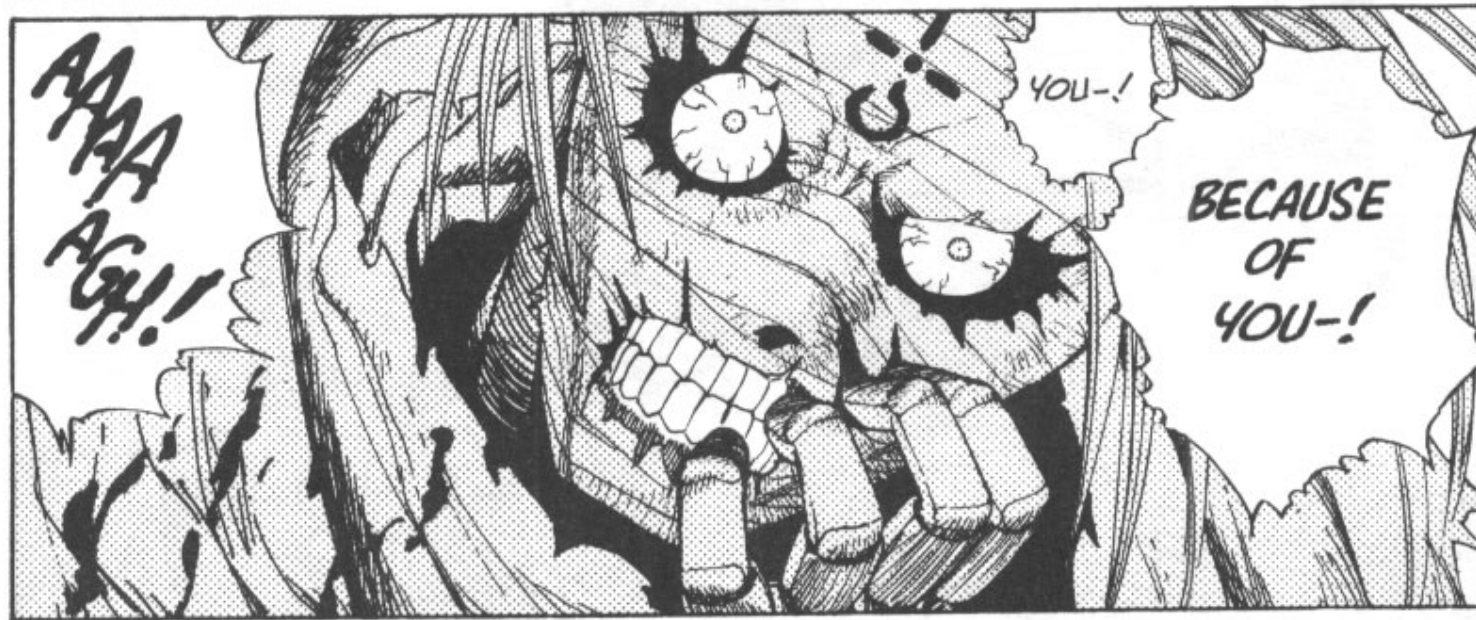


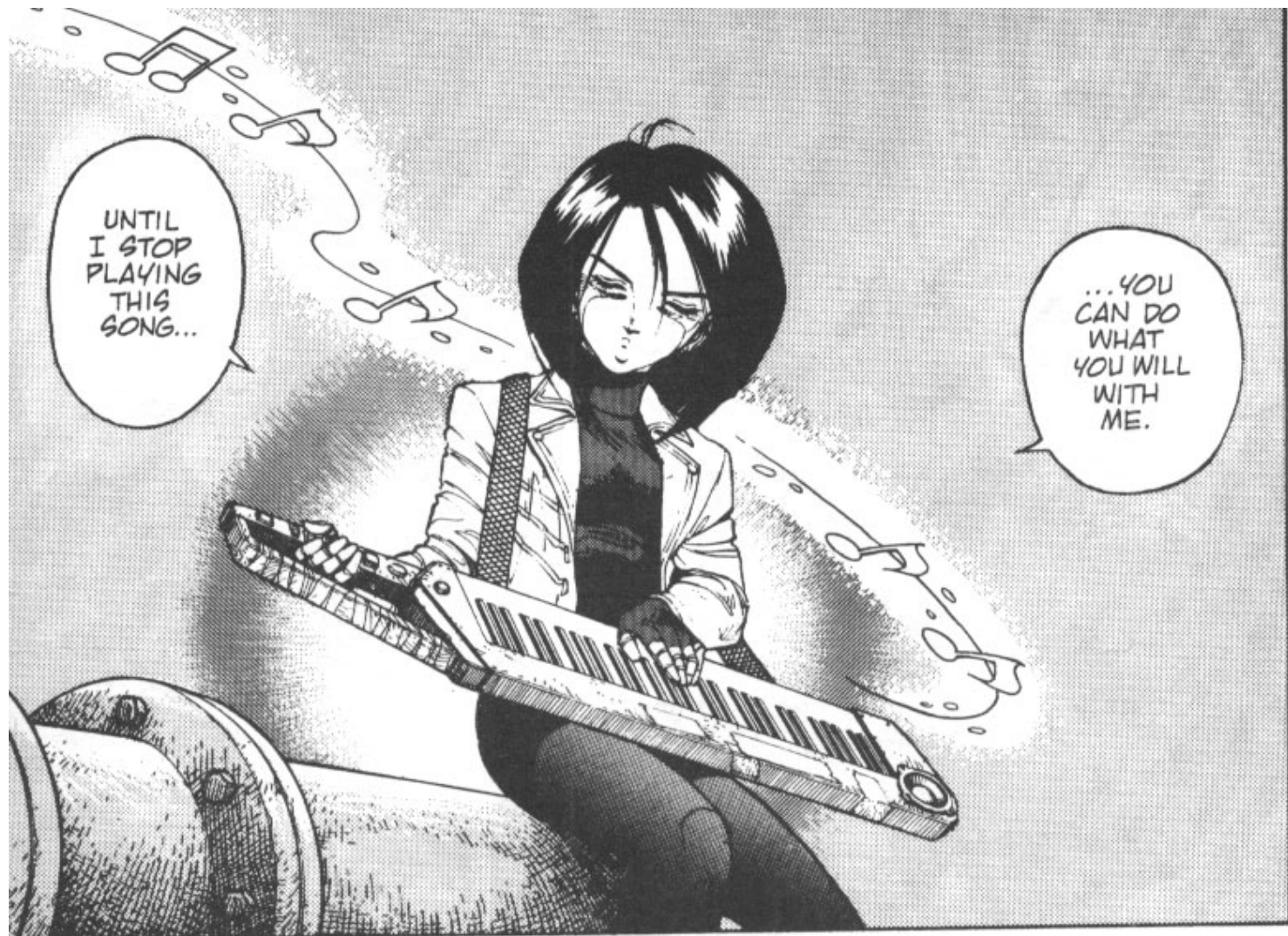
MURDOCK,
WAIT!

?!



BACK
OFF--
HE'S
MINE!





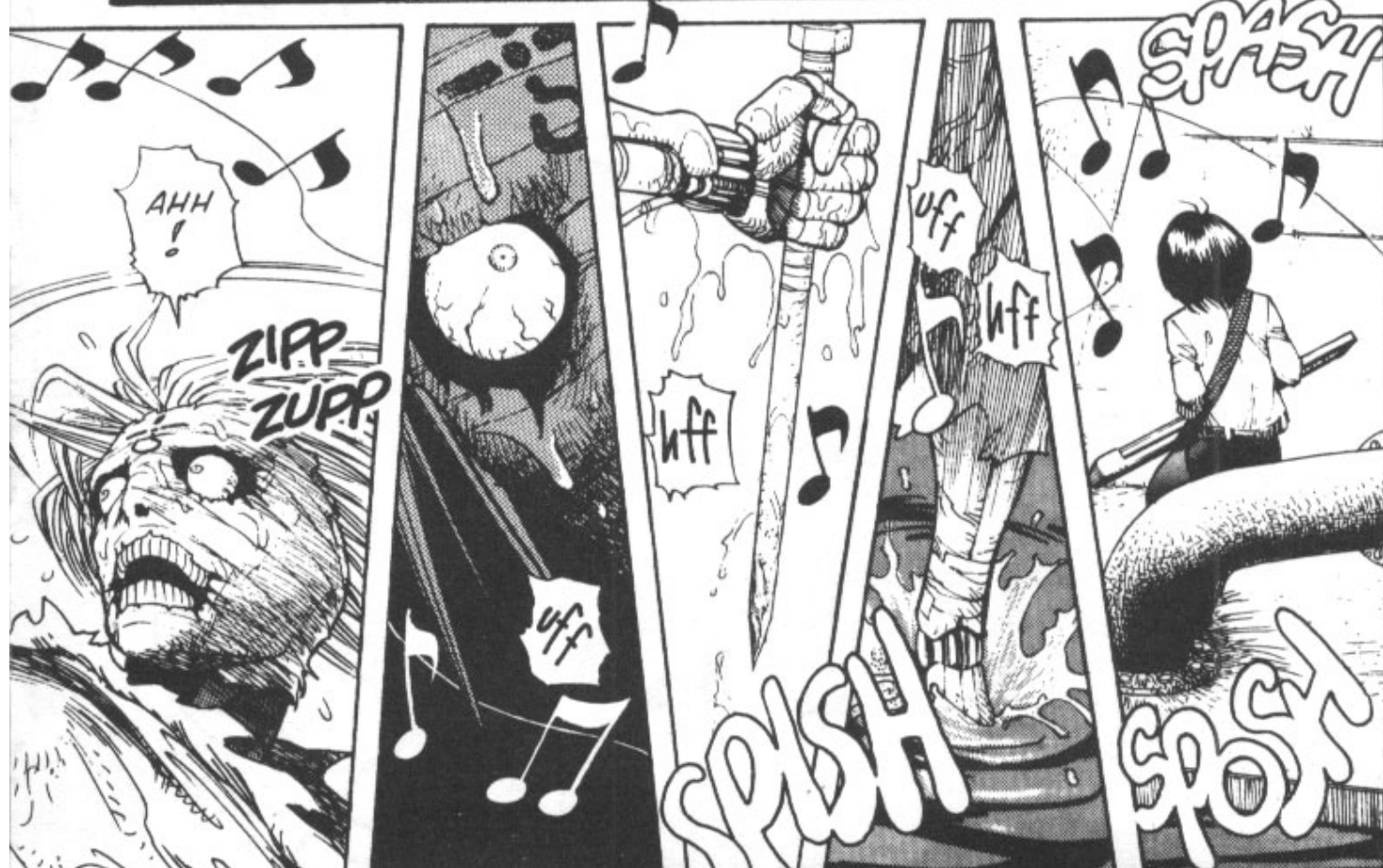
UNTIL
I STOP
PLAYING
THIS
SONG...

...YOU
CAN DO
WHAT
YOU WILL
WITH
ME.



!?

IS SHE CRAZY...?
DOES SHE
WANT TO GET
KILLED!?



AHH!

ZIPP
ZUPP

SPASH

SPLOSH





YAAAA

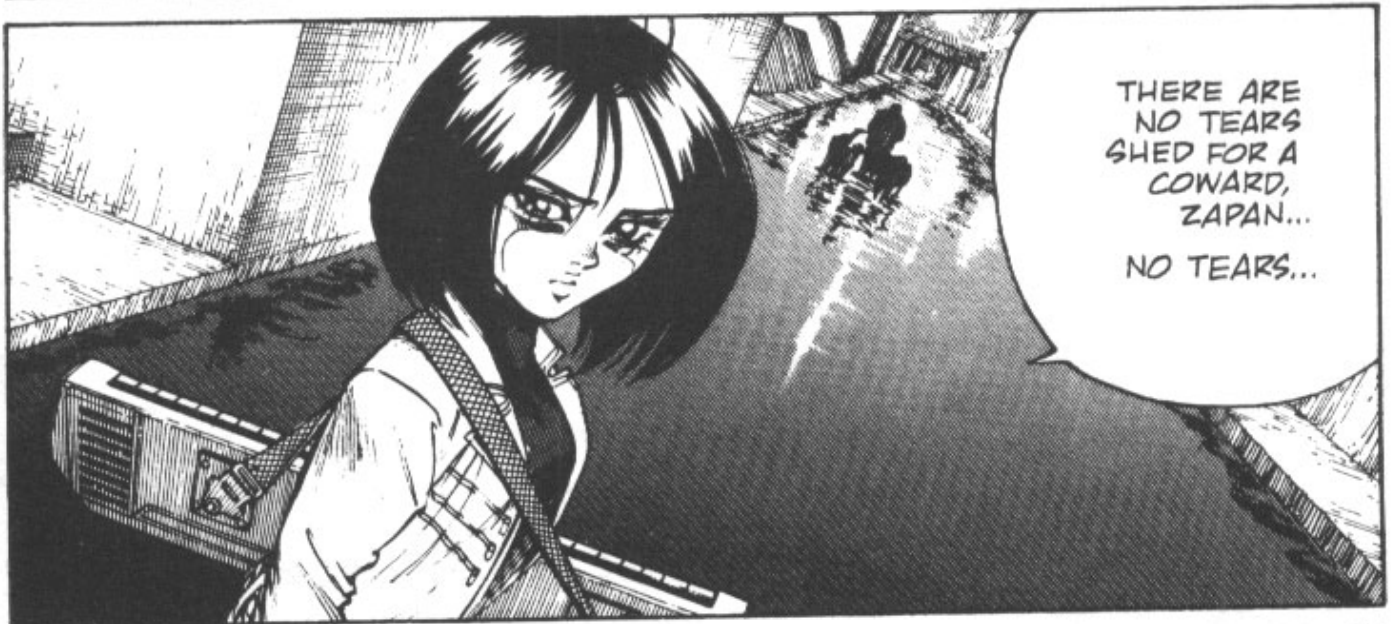
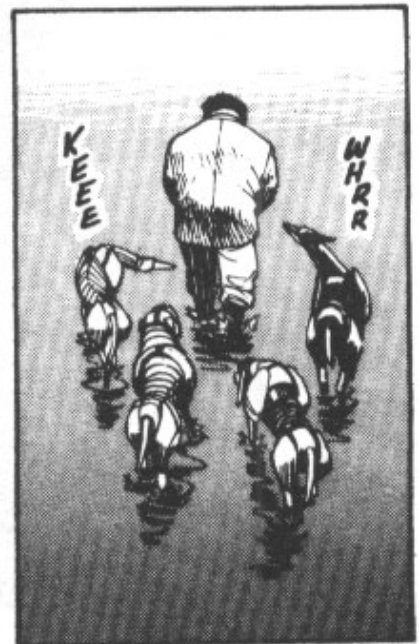
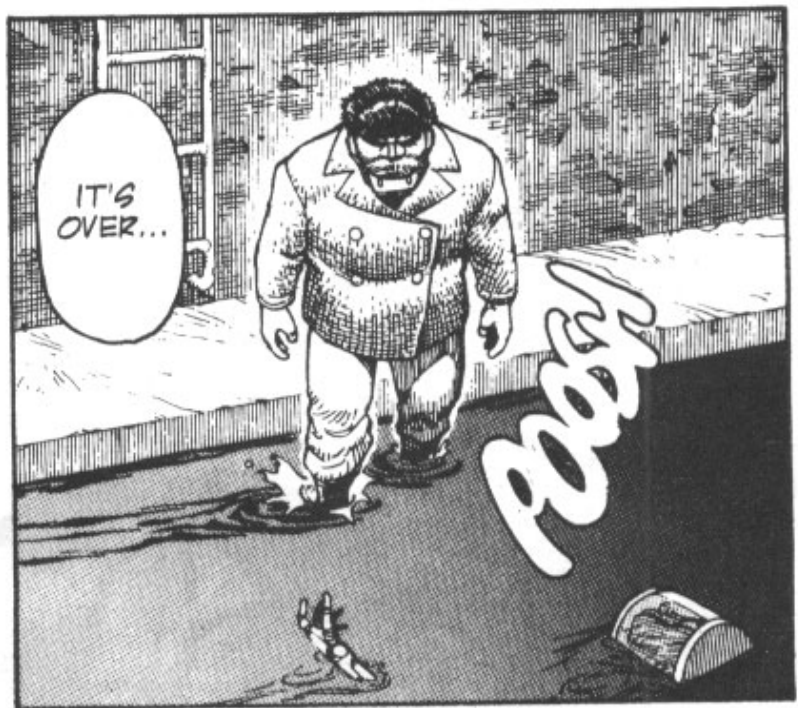
THE SONG IS
FINISHED...

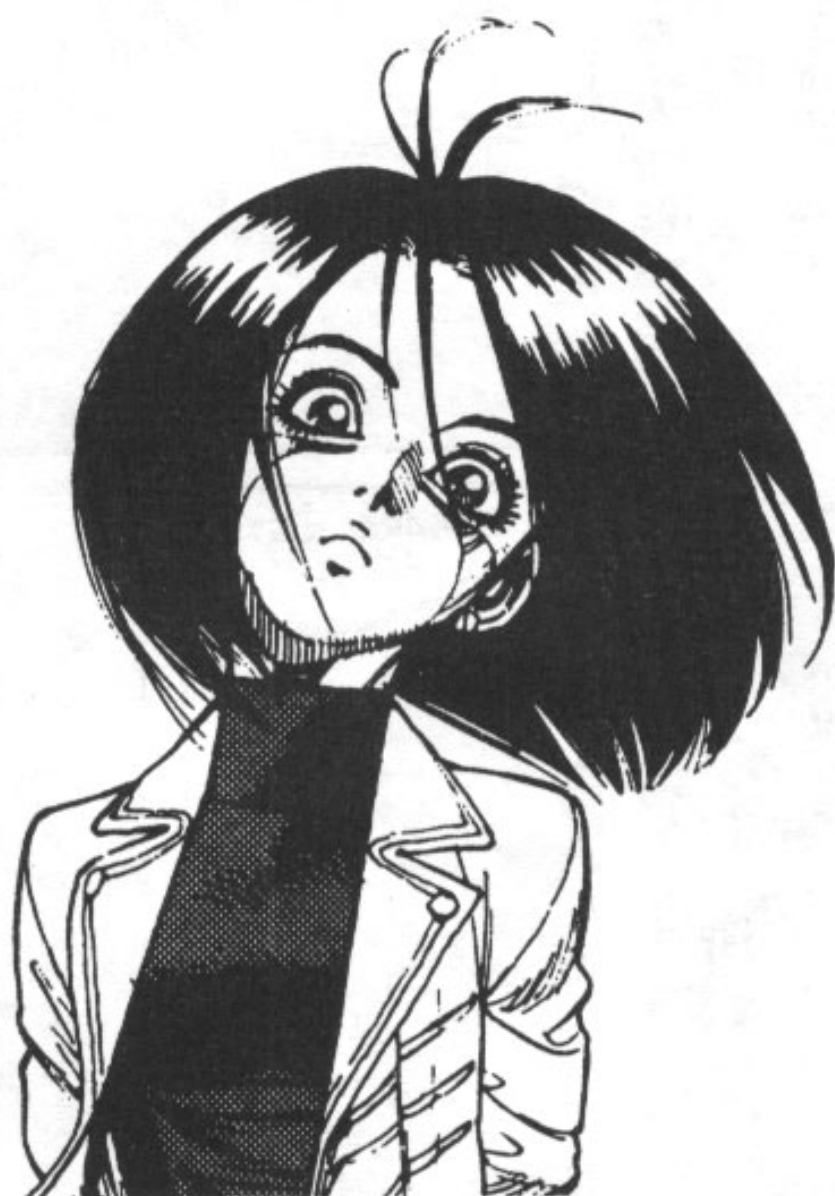
...AND
SO ARE
YOU...

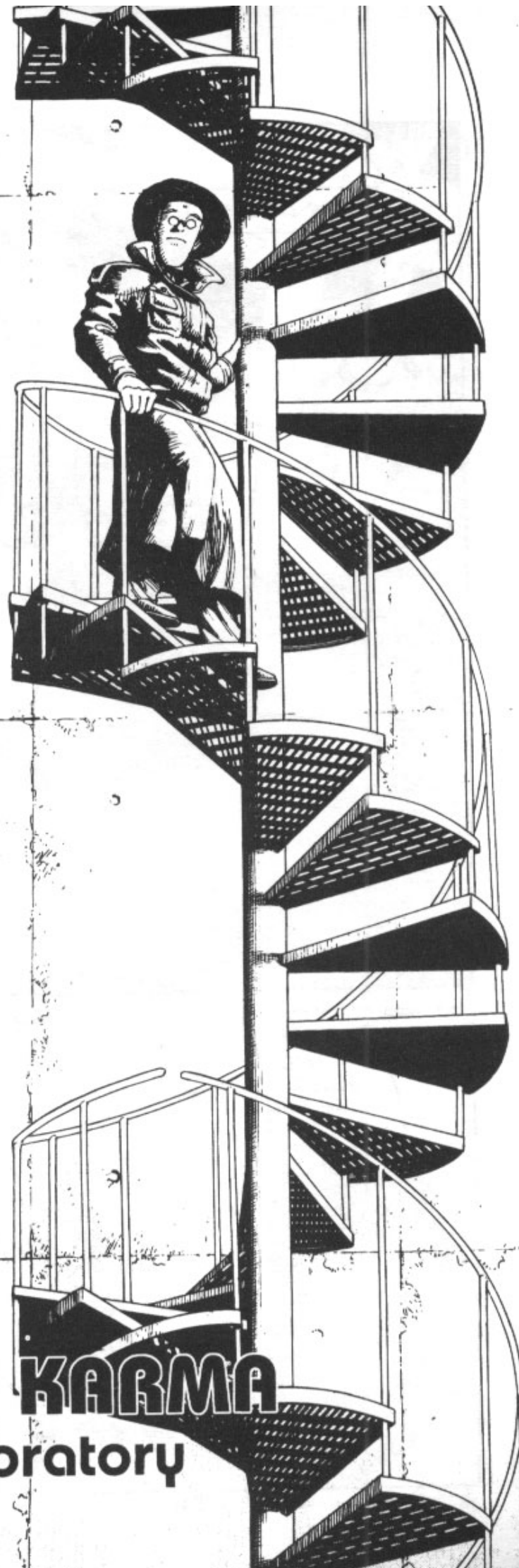


GLAHYAAAAA



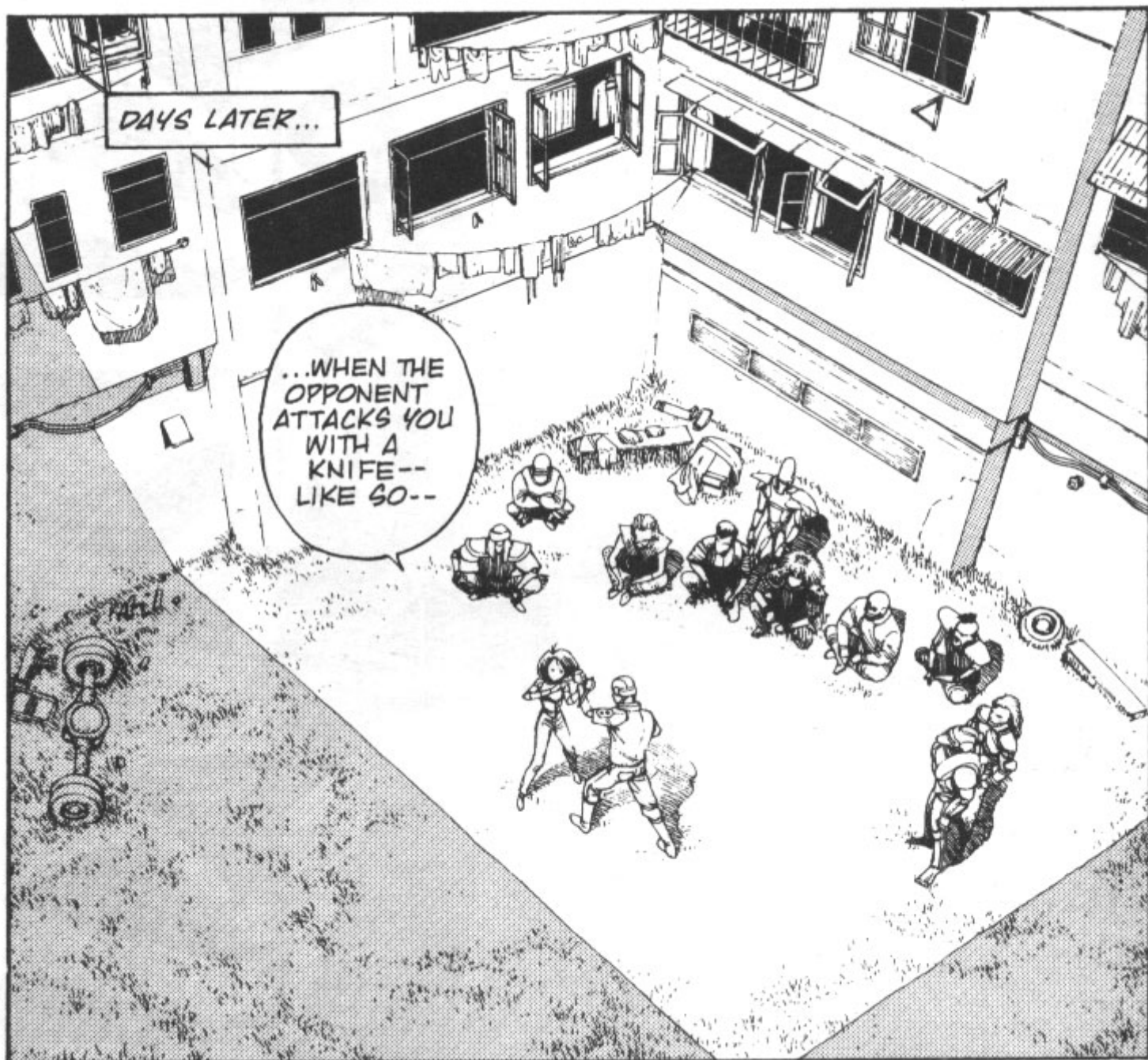


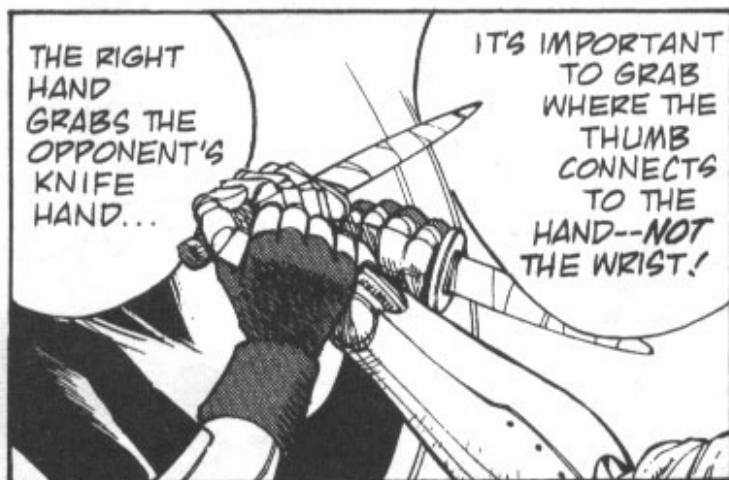




FLASK OF KARMA

Cycle 3: Laboratory



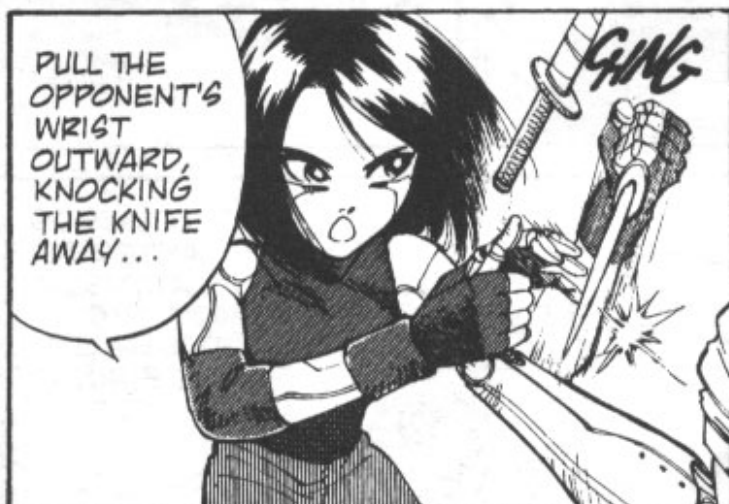


THE RIGHT
HAND
GRABS THE
OPPONENT'S
KNIFE
HAND...

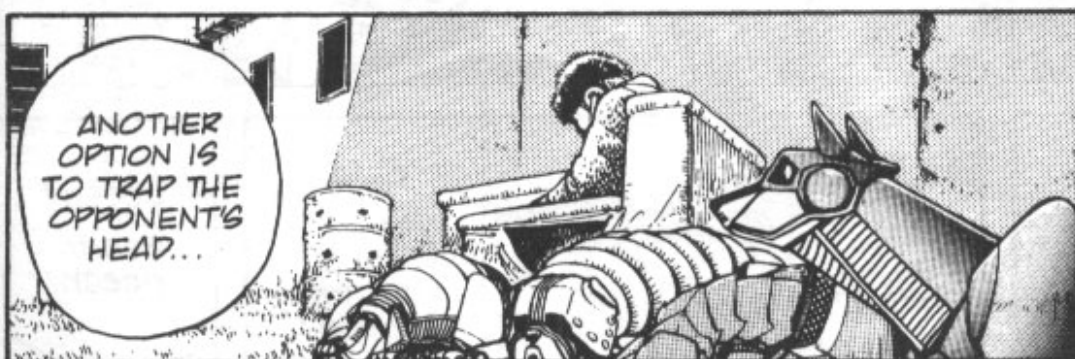
IT'S IMPORTANT
TO GRAB
WHERE THE
THUMB
CONNECTS
TO THE
HAND--NOT
THE WRIST!



...AND
FINISH
WITH A
SLASH
TO THE
NECK!



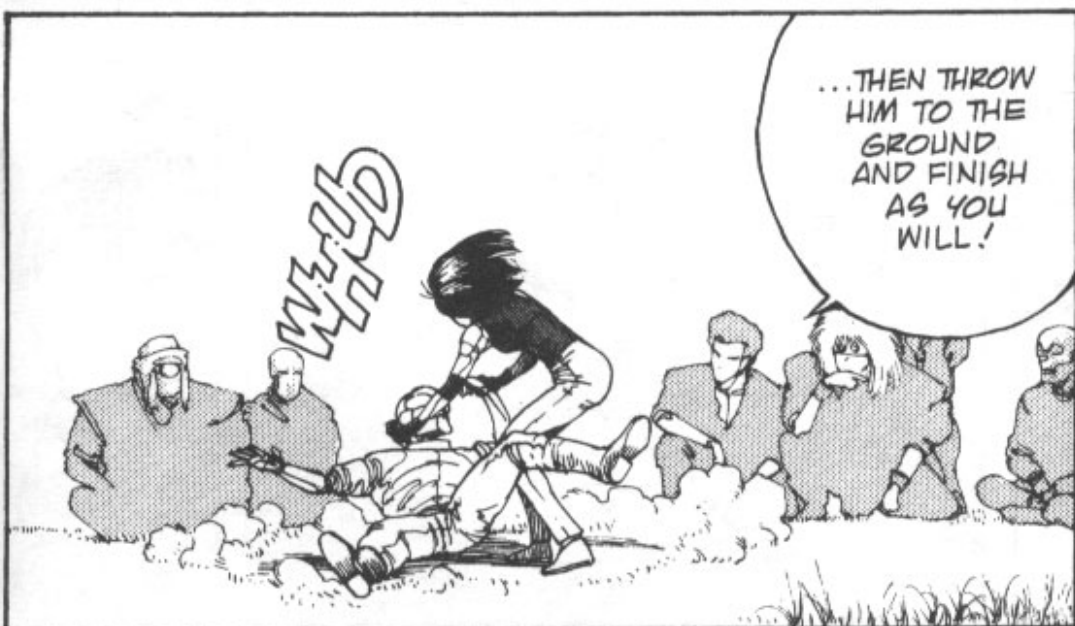
PULL THE
OPPONENT'S
WRIST
OUTWARD,
KNOCKING
THE KNIFE
AWAY...



ANOTHER
OPTION IS
TO TRAP THE
OPPONENT'S
HEAD...

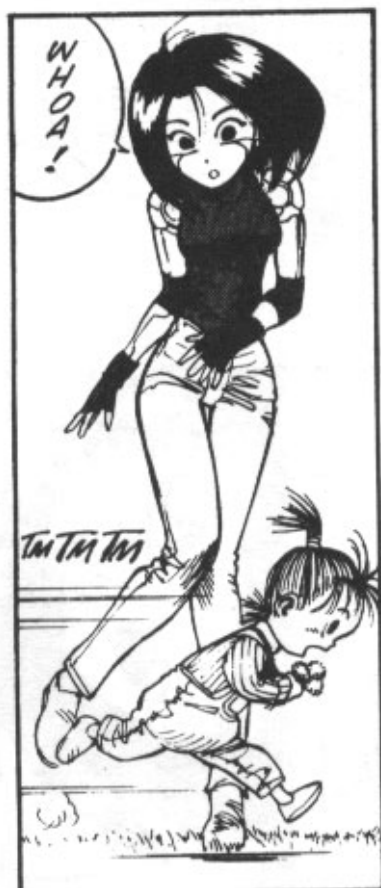
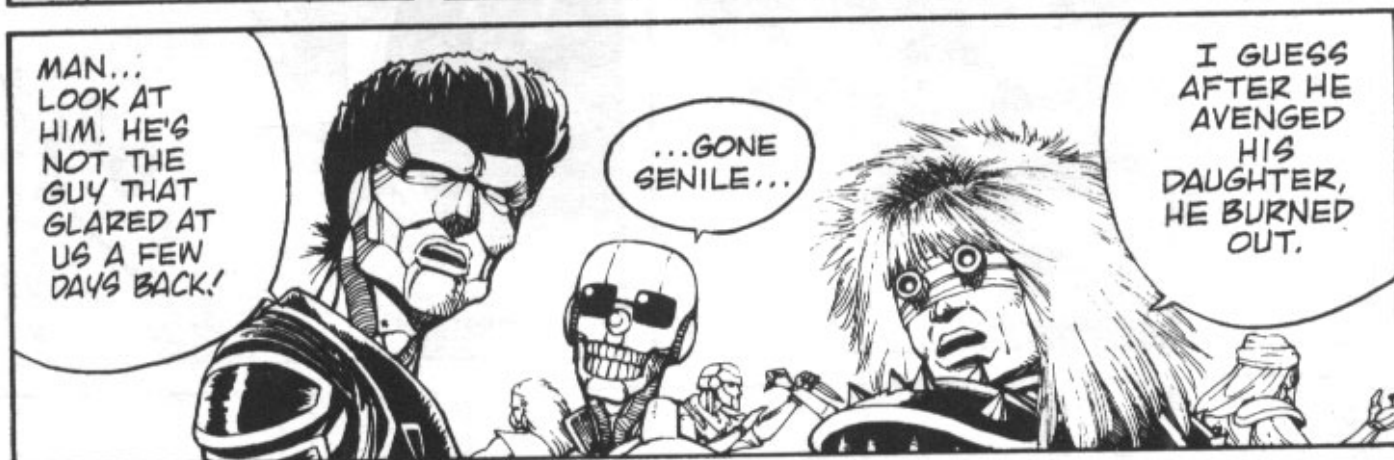


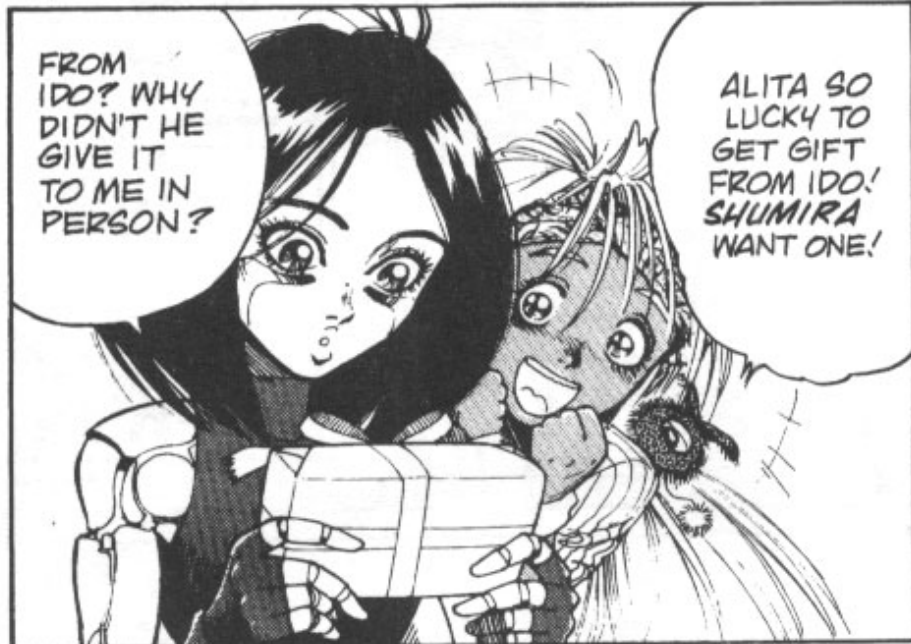
NOW, LET'S
GET INTO
PAIRS AND
PRACTICE!



...THEN THROW
HIM TO THE
GROUND
AND FINISH
AS YOU
WILL!







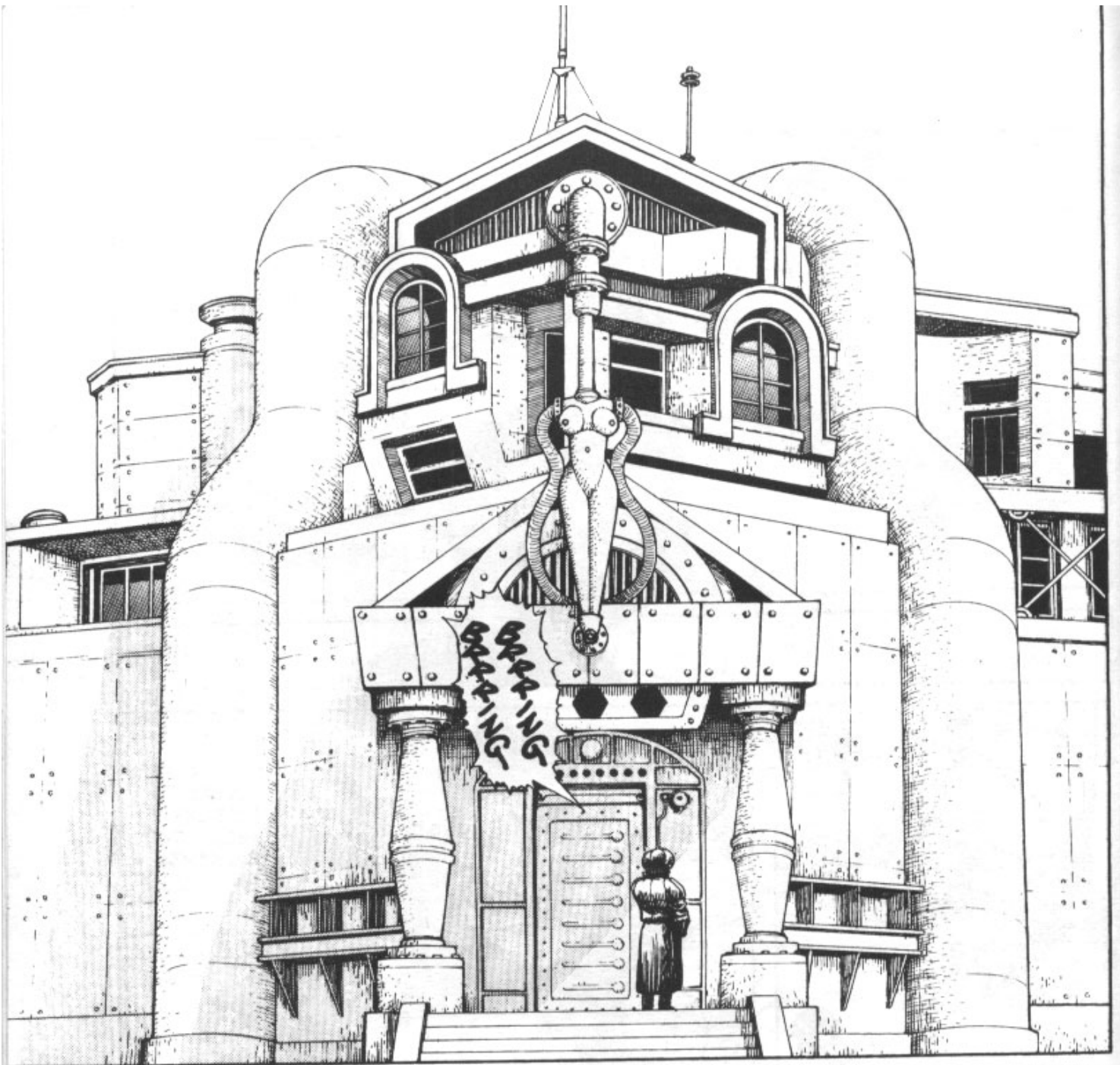
FROM
IDO? WHY
DIDN'T HE
GIVE IT
TO ME IN
PERSON?

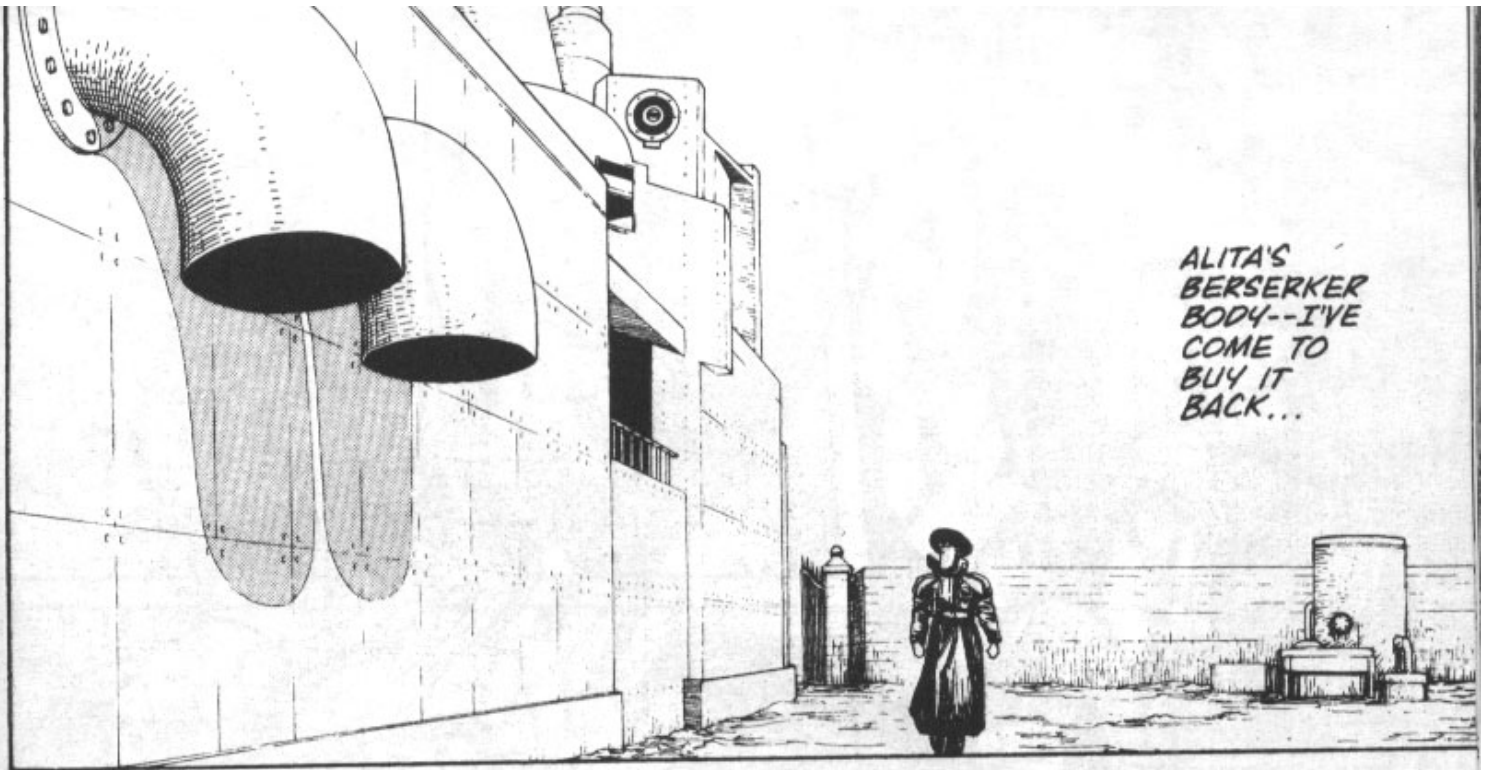
ALITA SO
LUCKY TO
GET GIFT
FROM IDO!
SHUMIRA
WANT ONE!



THAT'S RIGHT...
IT WAS THREE
YEARS AGO
TODAY THAT IDO
FOUND ME...

OH,
IDO...



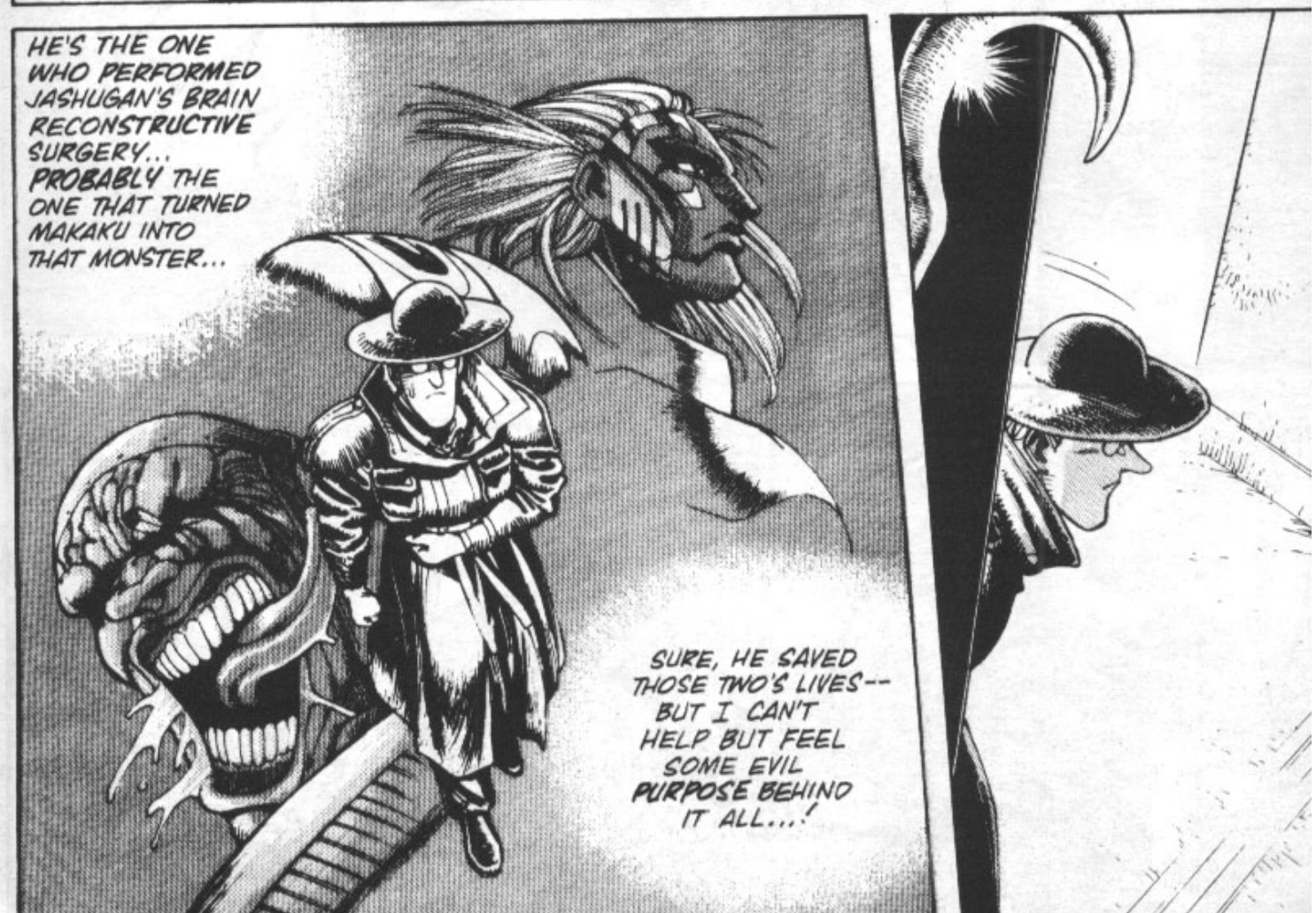


ALITA'S
BERSERKER
BODY--I'VE
COME TO
BUY IT
BACK...



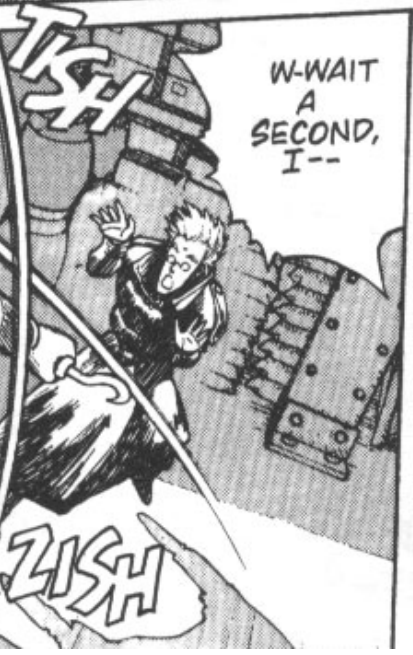
THE MASTER
OF THIS
HOUSE, DESTY
NOVA, IS
A FORMER
TIPHAREAN
LIKE I AM...

...BUT
WHAT
KIND OF
A MAN
IS HE?



HE'S THE ONE
WHO PERFORMED
JASHUGAN'S BRAIN
RECONSTRUCTIVE
SURGERY...
PROBABLY THE
ONE THAT TURNED
MAKAKU INTO
THAT MONSTER...

SURE, HE SAVED
THOSE TWO'S LIVES--
BUT I CAN'T
HELP BUT FEEL
SOME EVIL
PURPOSE BEHIND
IT ALL...!





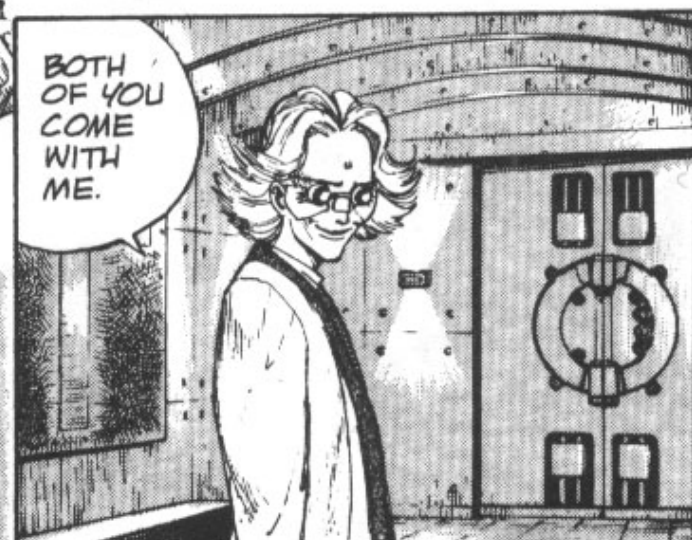
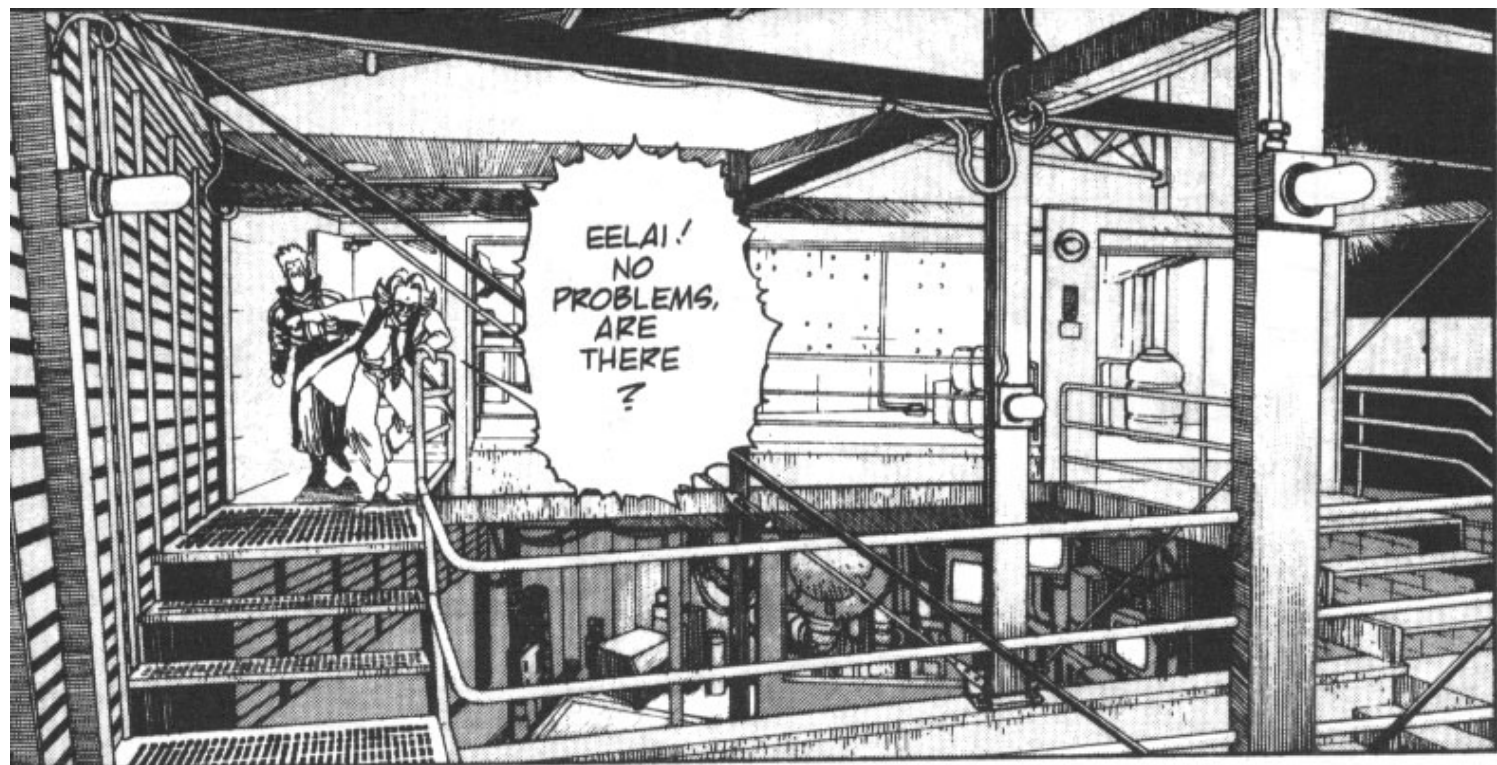


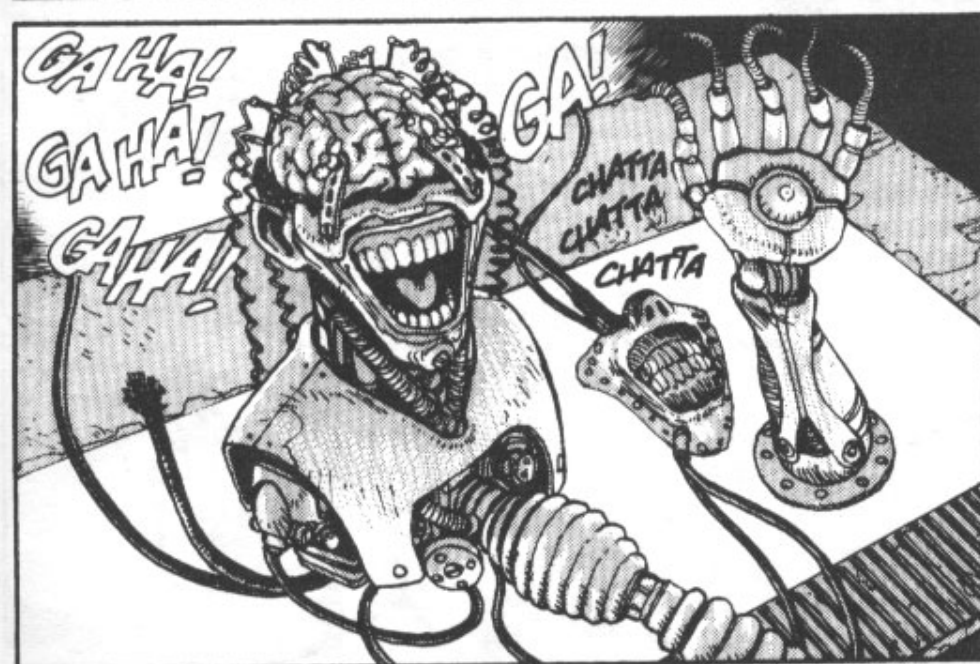
YES!
!

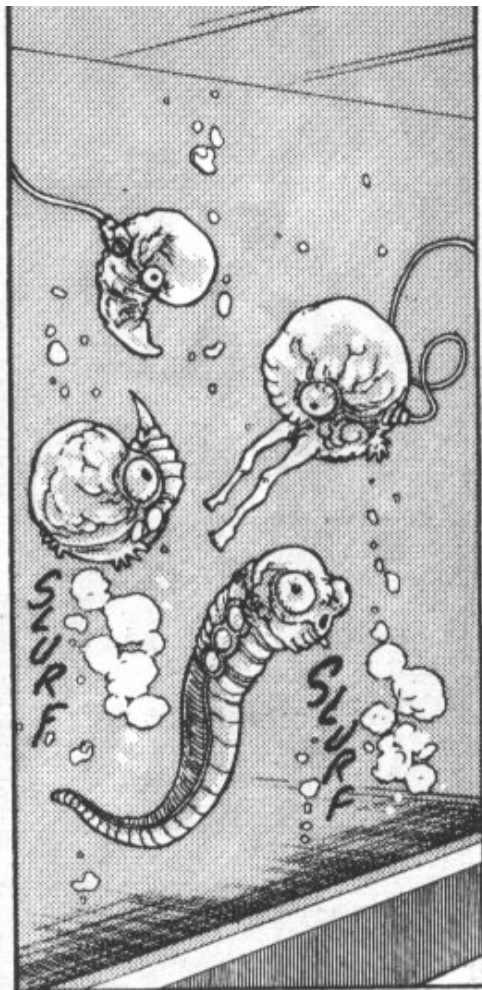
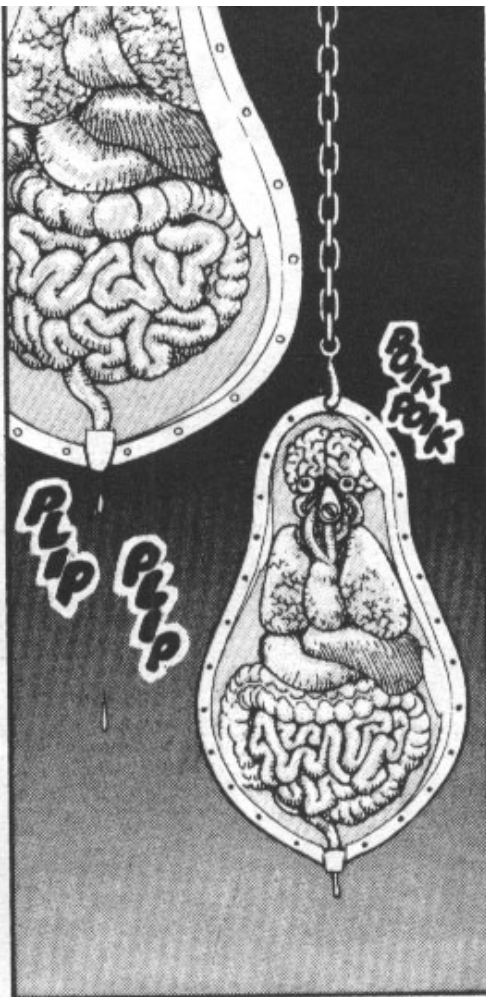
SUCH A
WONDERFUL
WILLFULNESS!
SUCH AN
OPPOSITION
TO DISORDER!
I LIKE THAT!
YES!













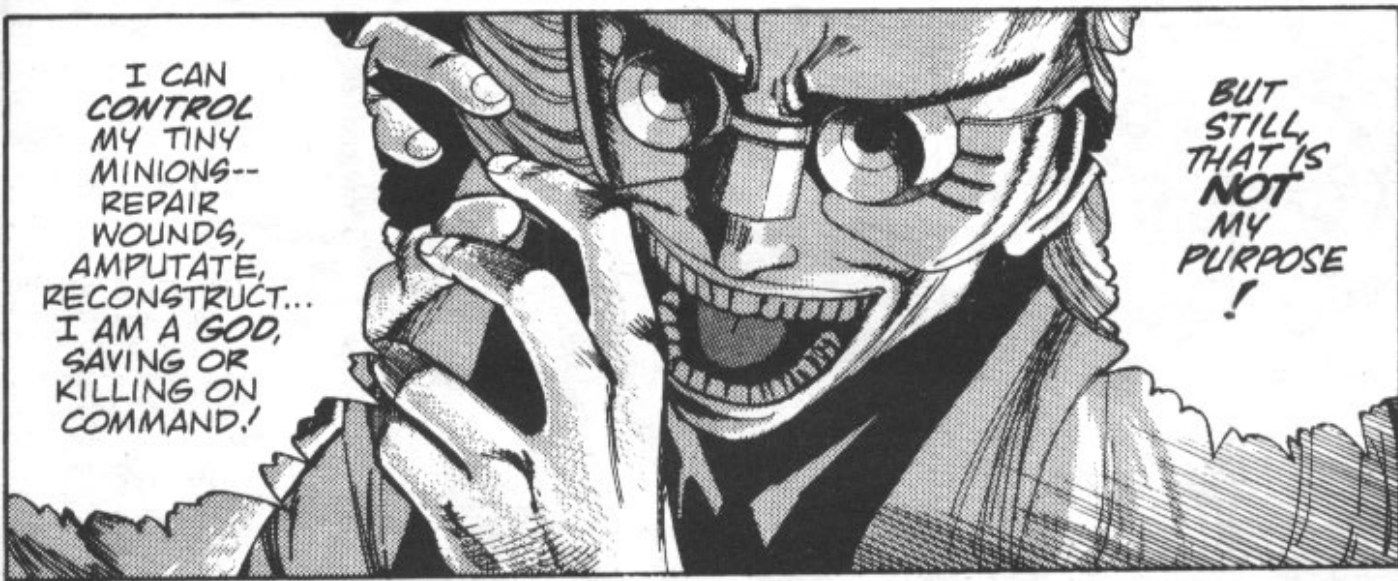
I'M A...
SPECIALIST--
IN NANO-
TECHNOLOGY.

I CAN
FREELY FORM
MOLECULES
INTO
MICROSCOPIC
ROBOT
MINIONS.

BUT
THAT'S
ONLY A
MEANS
TO AN
END...



WHAT
IS IT
YOU'RE
AFTER
!?



I CAN
CONTROL
MY TINY
MINIONS--
REPAIR
WOUNDS,
AMPUTATE,
RECONSTRUCT...
I AM A GOD,
SAVING OR
KILLING ON
COMMAND!

BUT
STILL,
THAT IS
NOT
MY
PURPOSE
!



THEN
WHAT
IS
IT!?

TELL
ME,
DESTY
NOVA
!

KYAHAHANA!

PROFESSOR
NOVA!

YOU WANT
TO KNOW
MY TRUE
PURPOSE,
IDO--MY
ULTIMATE
GOAL...?!

SLAM

THE
CONQUEST
OF
KARMA
!

KARMA...!?

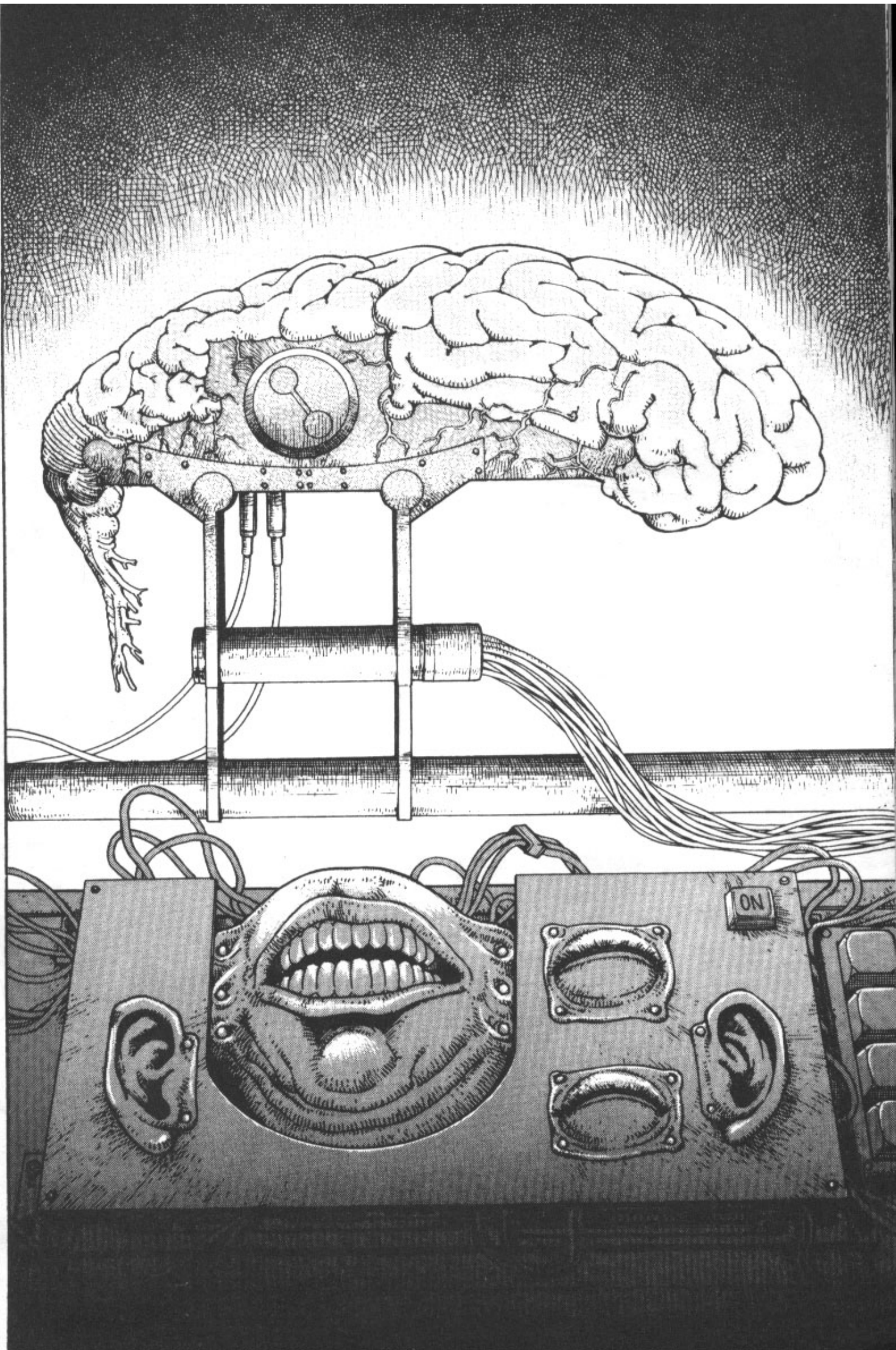
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT
?

IS IT
POSSIBLE
FOR MAN TO
CONQUER
HIS OWN
KARMA
!?

UNLESS WE
CAN FIND
A WAY TO
DEFEAT THE
CYCLES OF
TIME, THERE
IS NO
FUTURE FOR
MANKIND!

IDO, I HAVE
CHOSEN
YOU TO
OVERSEE THIS
EXPERIMENT
WITH ME!

TASH

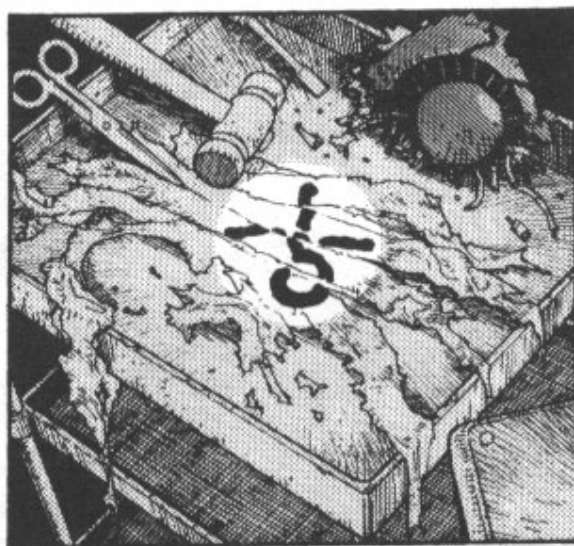




HEH...WHEN
MY MANSERVANT
BAZARLD
BROUGHT BACK
THIS BRAIN,
ITS DAMAGE
WAS LEVEL
SEVEN--

--BASICALLY,
A BLOODY
MESS, WITH NOT
A CHANCE
OF SURVIVAL...
UNDER
NORMAL
CONDITIONS.

BUT MY
MINI-MINIONS,
NANOTECHNOLOGICAL
WONDERS,
HAVE REBUILT
IT TO LEVEL
THREE!



**YOUR
SOUL--
WHAT DOES
IT CRY
OUT FOR?!**



**R-
REVENGE
!**



**POWER
!**

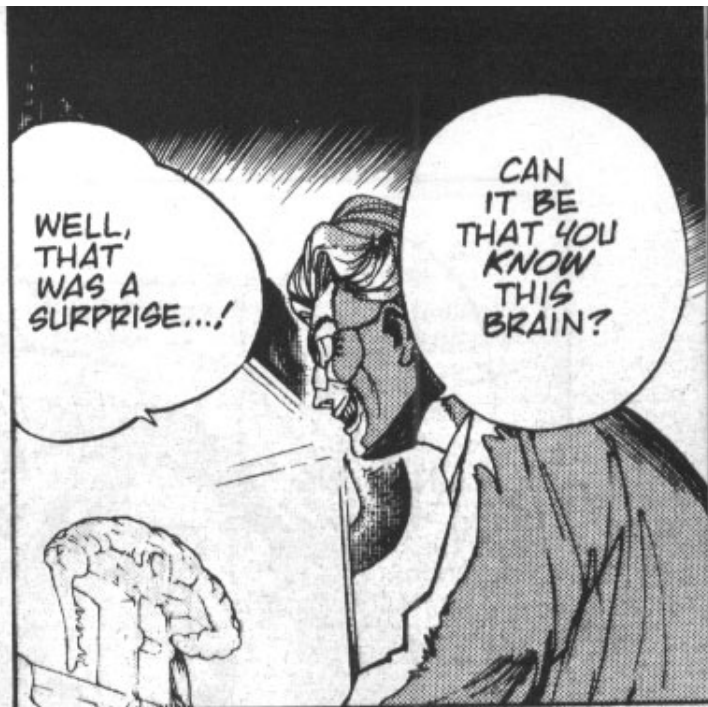
!-5

**GIVE
ME
POWER
!**









WELL,
THAT
WAS A
SURPRISE...!

CAN
IT BE
THAT YOU
KNOW
THIS
BRAIN?

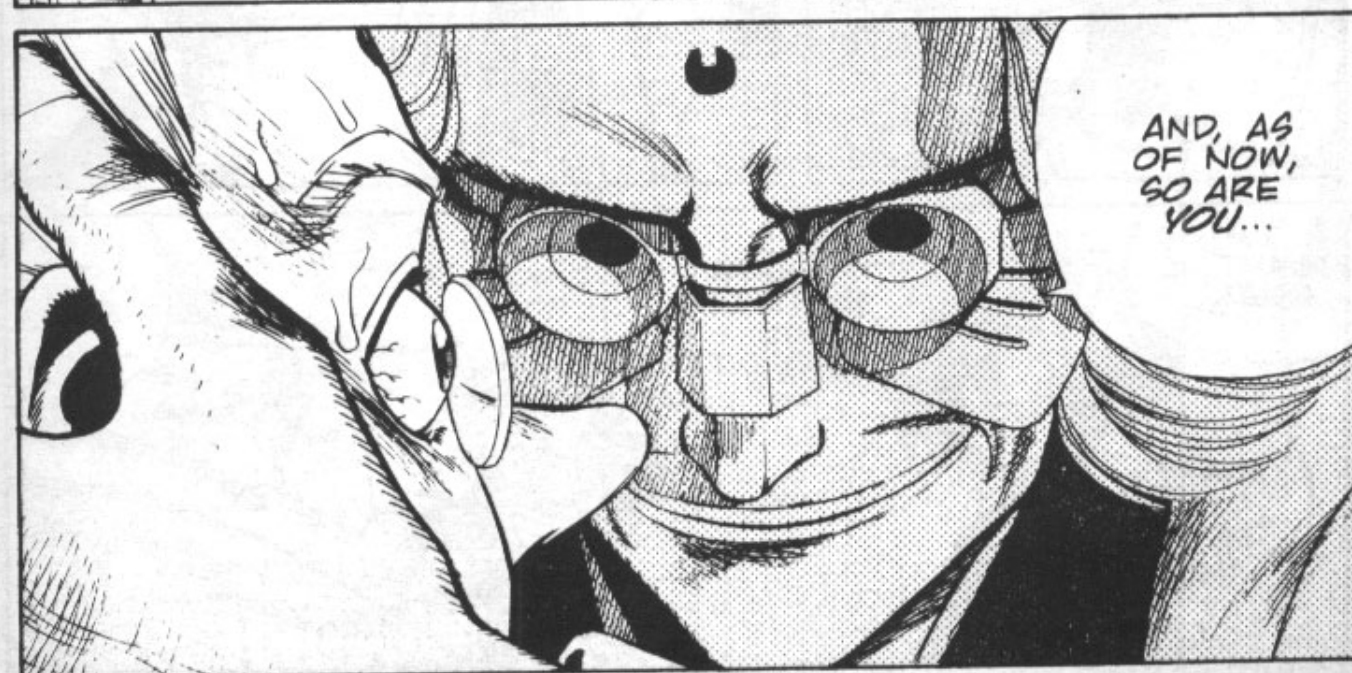


ERRRG...
TH-THAT
MAN--
HE'S A
BRUTAL
MURDERER!
KILL IT!

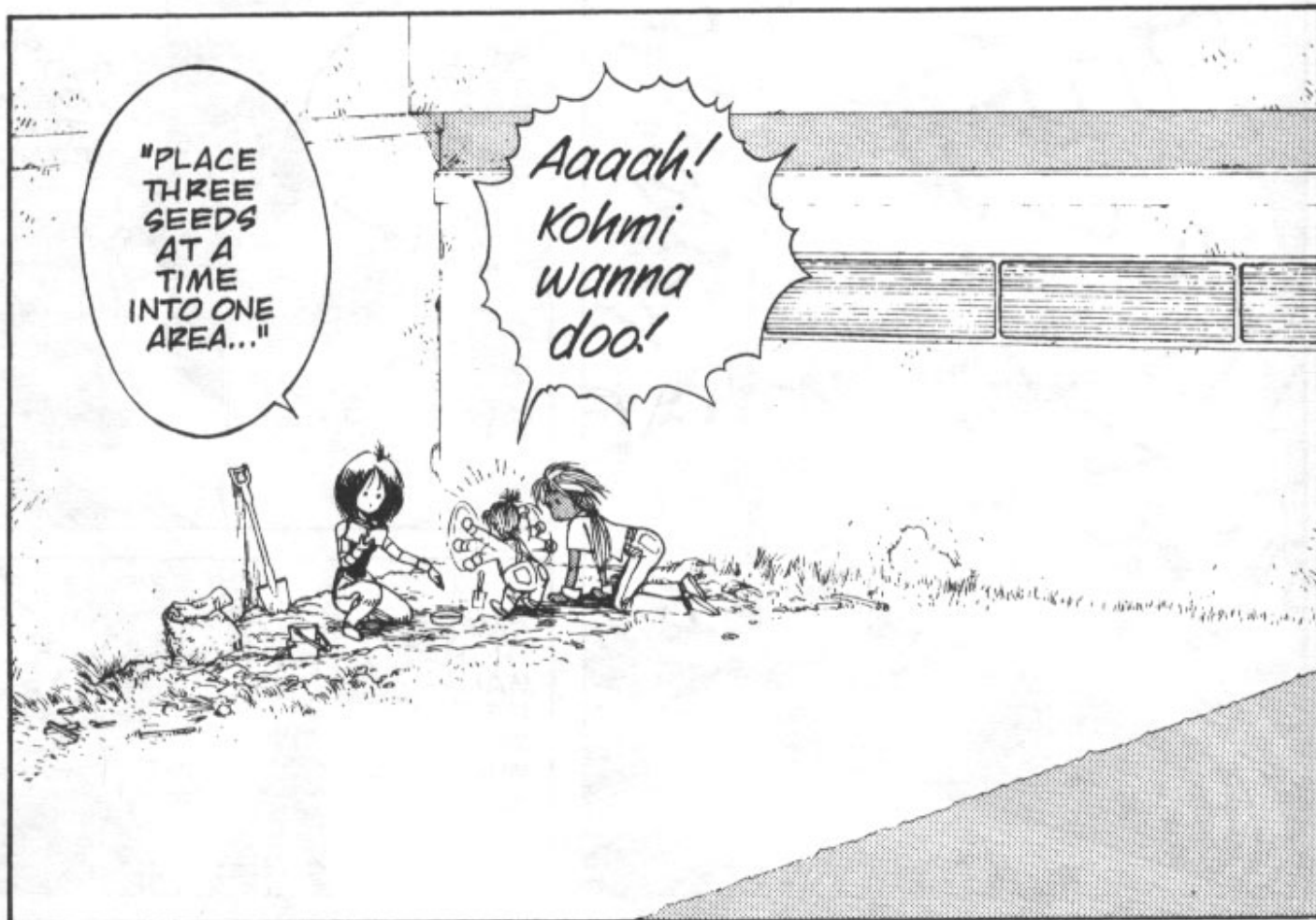


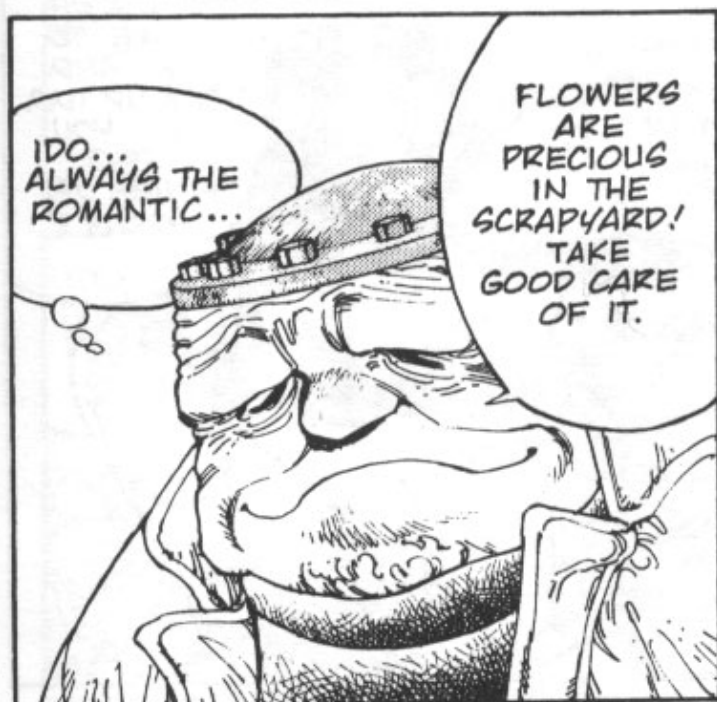
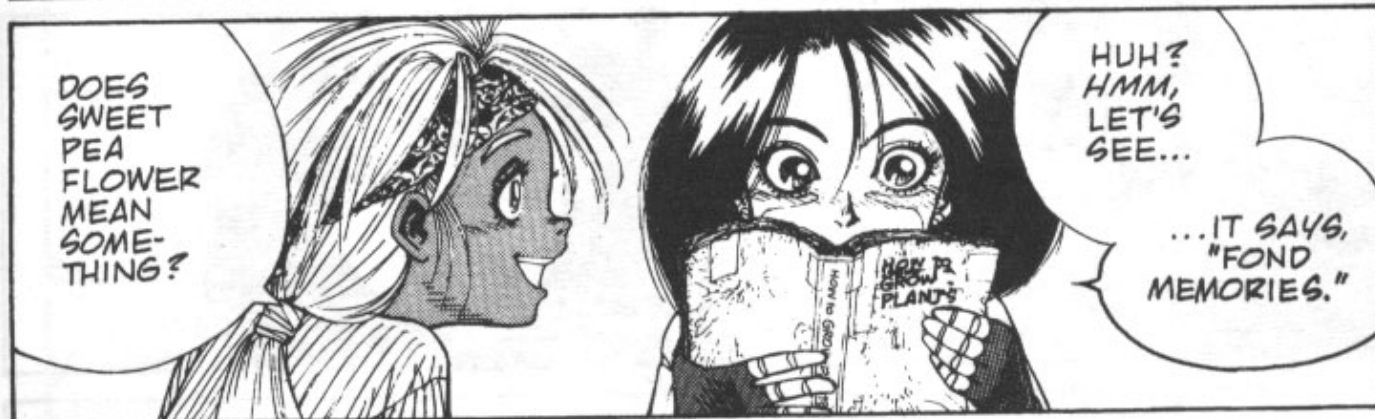
NOW,
NOW...I
CAN'T DO
THAT.

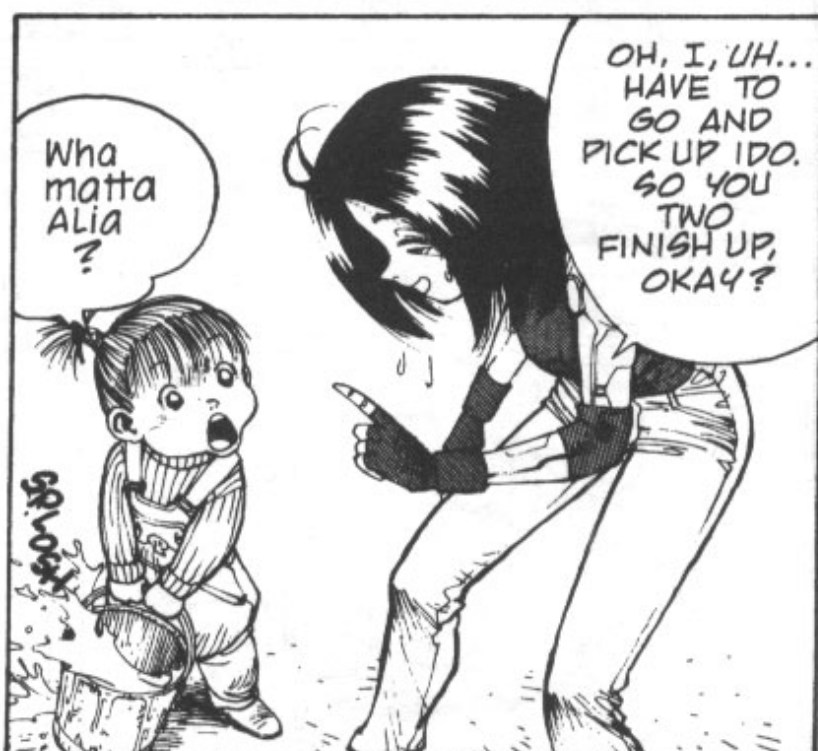
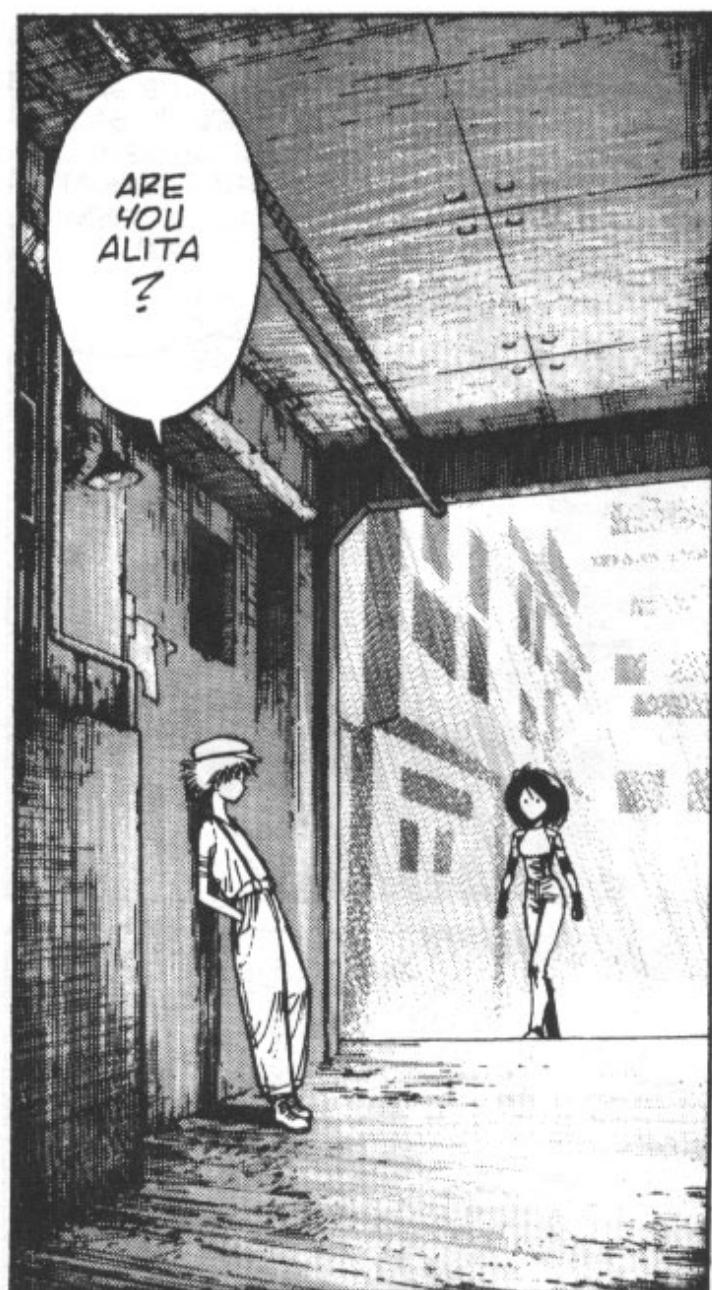
HE IS,
AFTER
ALL, MY
PATIENT.

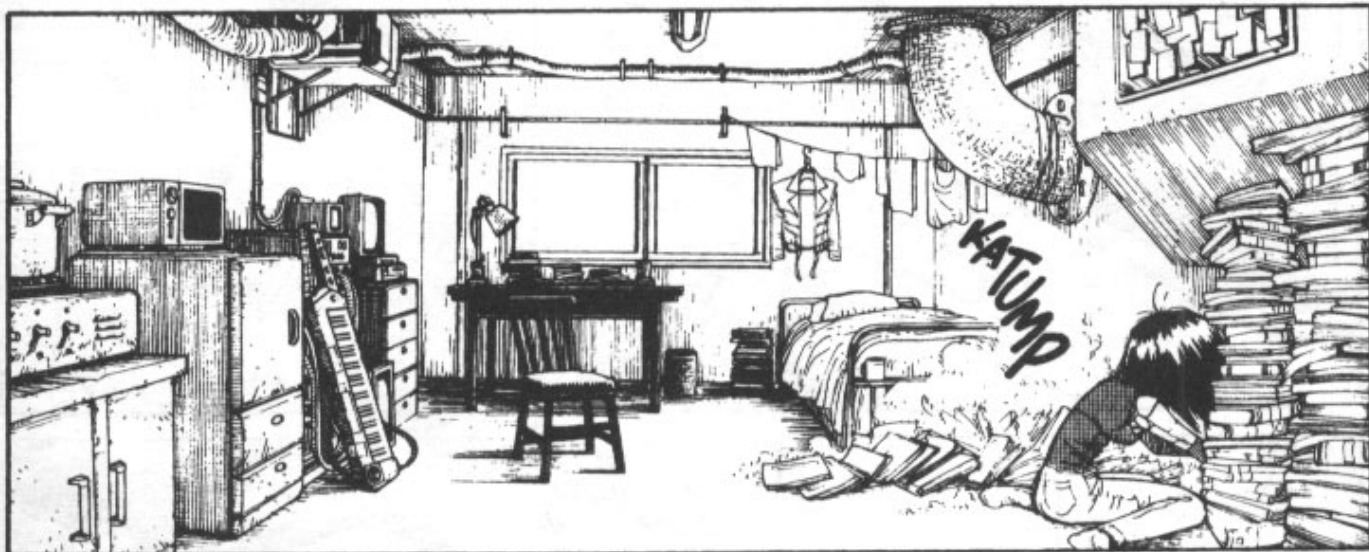
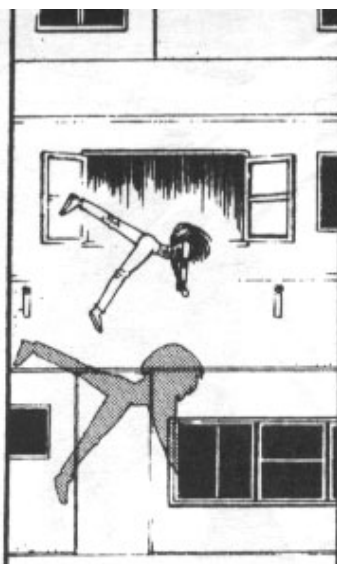


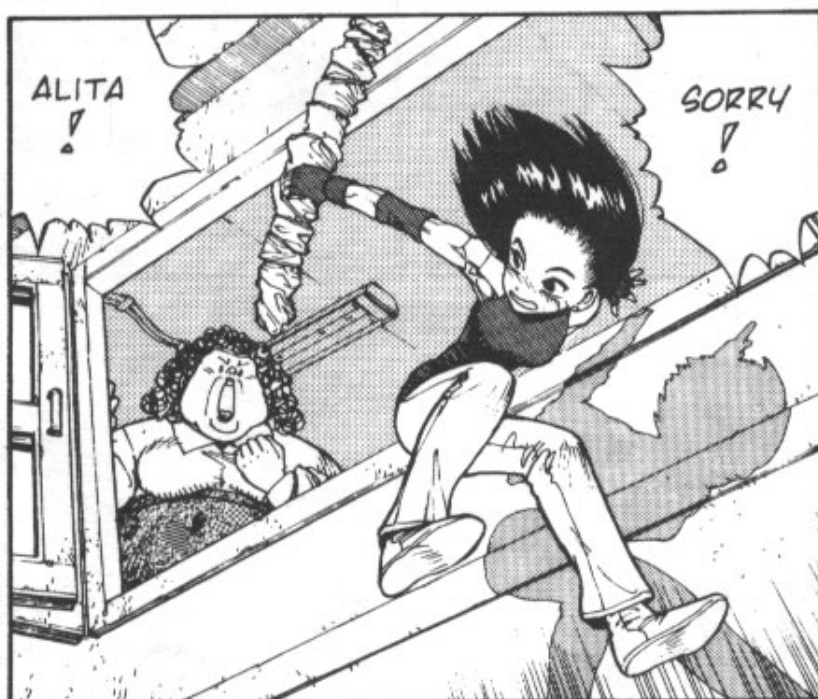
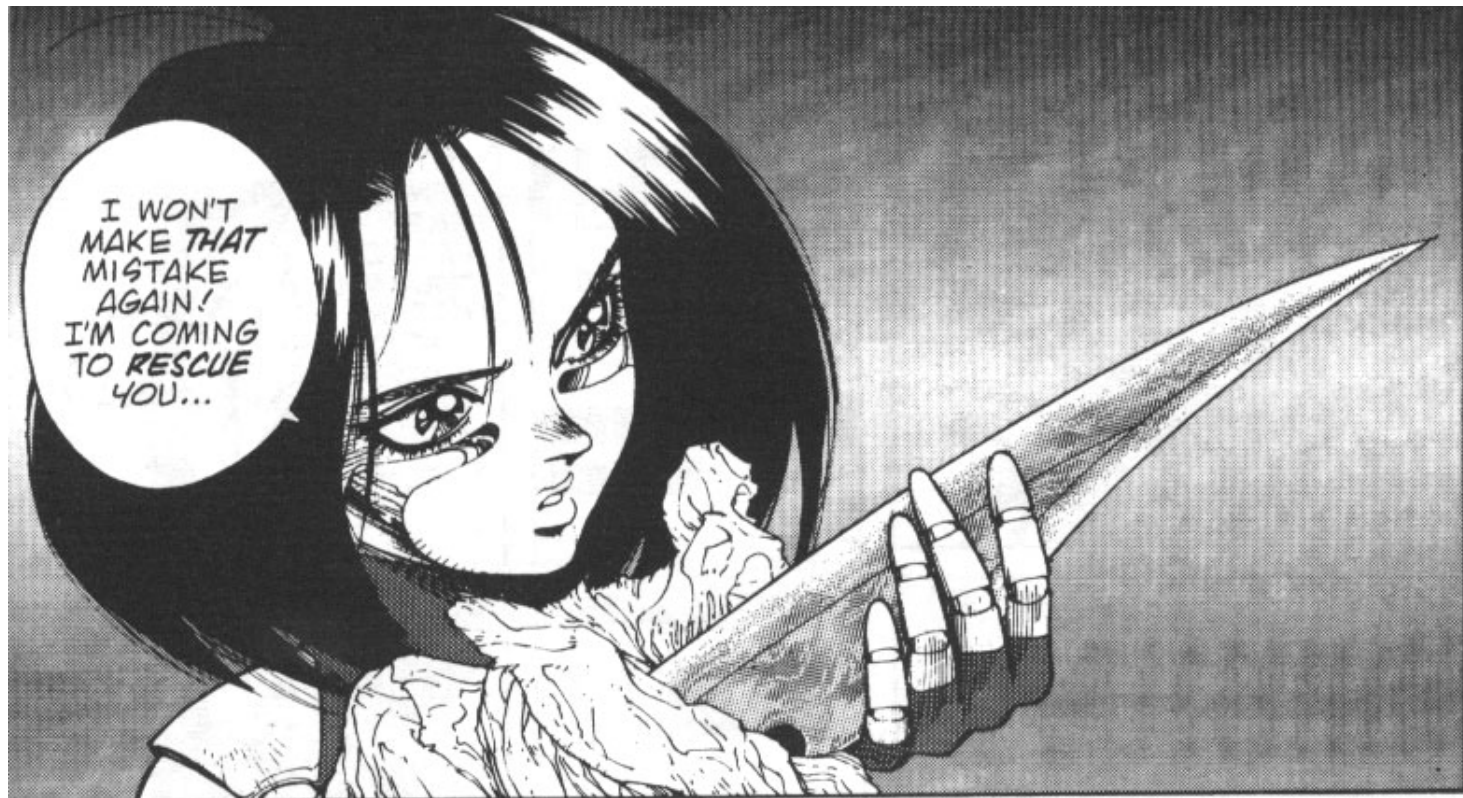
AND, AS
OF NOW,
SO ARE
YOU...











LOOK, A
RAINBOW.

... A STRONG
EMOTION
THAT FILLED
MY HEART TO
OVERFLOWING...

YAY!

MMM--
GOOD
WHISKEY.

I THOUGHT
WE'D OPEN IT
WHEN I DO
GETS BACK.

I... I
LOVE
YOU
ALL!

AND
I WON'T
LET
ANYONE
HURT
YOU!

MEANWHILE, AT
DESTY NOVA'S
MANOR IN THE
NORTHERN REGION...

WH-
WHAT
DO
YOU
PLAN
TO
DO
!?

H-HEY!
STOP!

TUG
SHUG

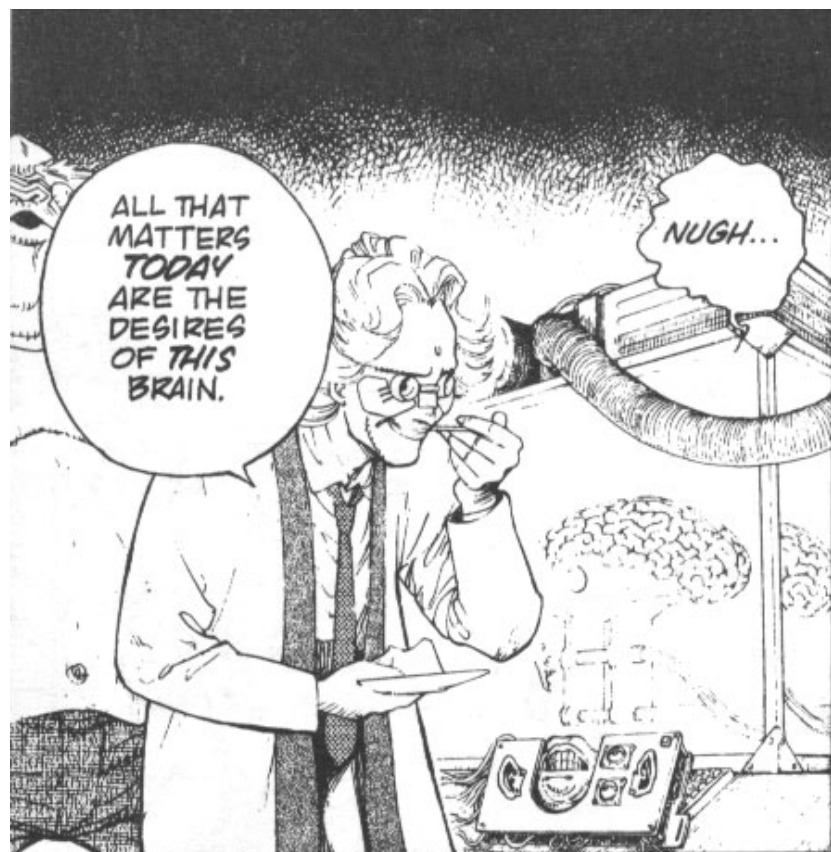
IF YOU
KEEP
STRUGGLING,
I'LL HAVE
TO INJECT
THIS INTO
YOUR
EYE!

WHA...

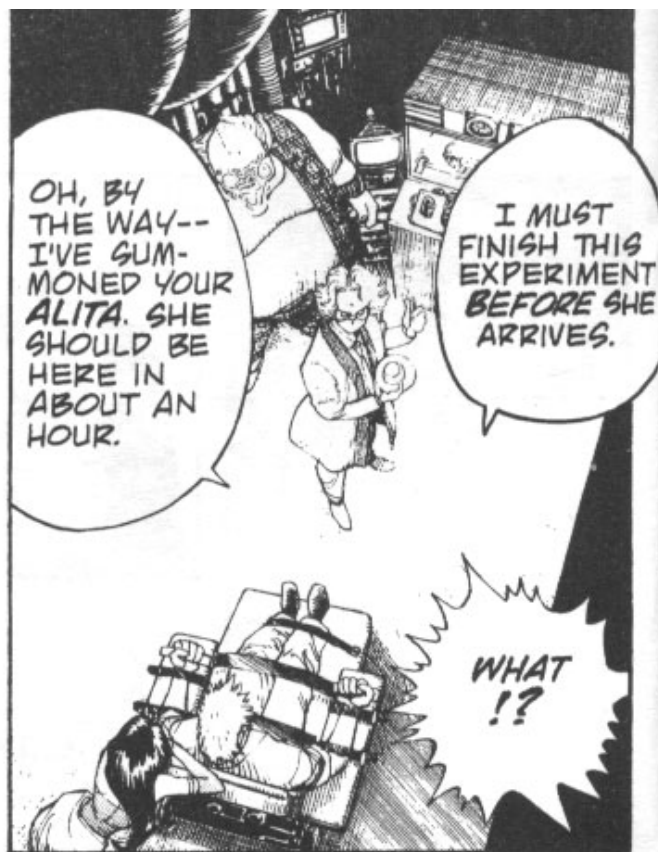
NO NEED
TO WORRY--
WE'RE JUST
INSTALLING
TEN MILLION
OR SO
'RESTORER'
ROBOTS
INTO YOU,
THAT'S
ALL.

RESTORER: A TYPE OF NANO-MACHINE THAT REPAIRS DAMAGE ON THE CELLULAR LEVEL.
INDIVIDUALS WITH THESE ROBOTS INSIDE THEM HEAL AT AN INCREDIBLE RATE.



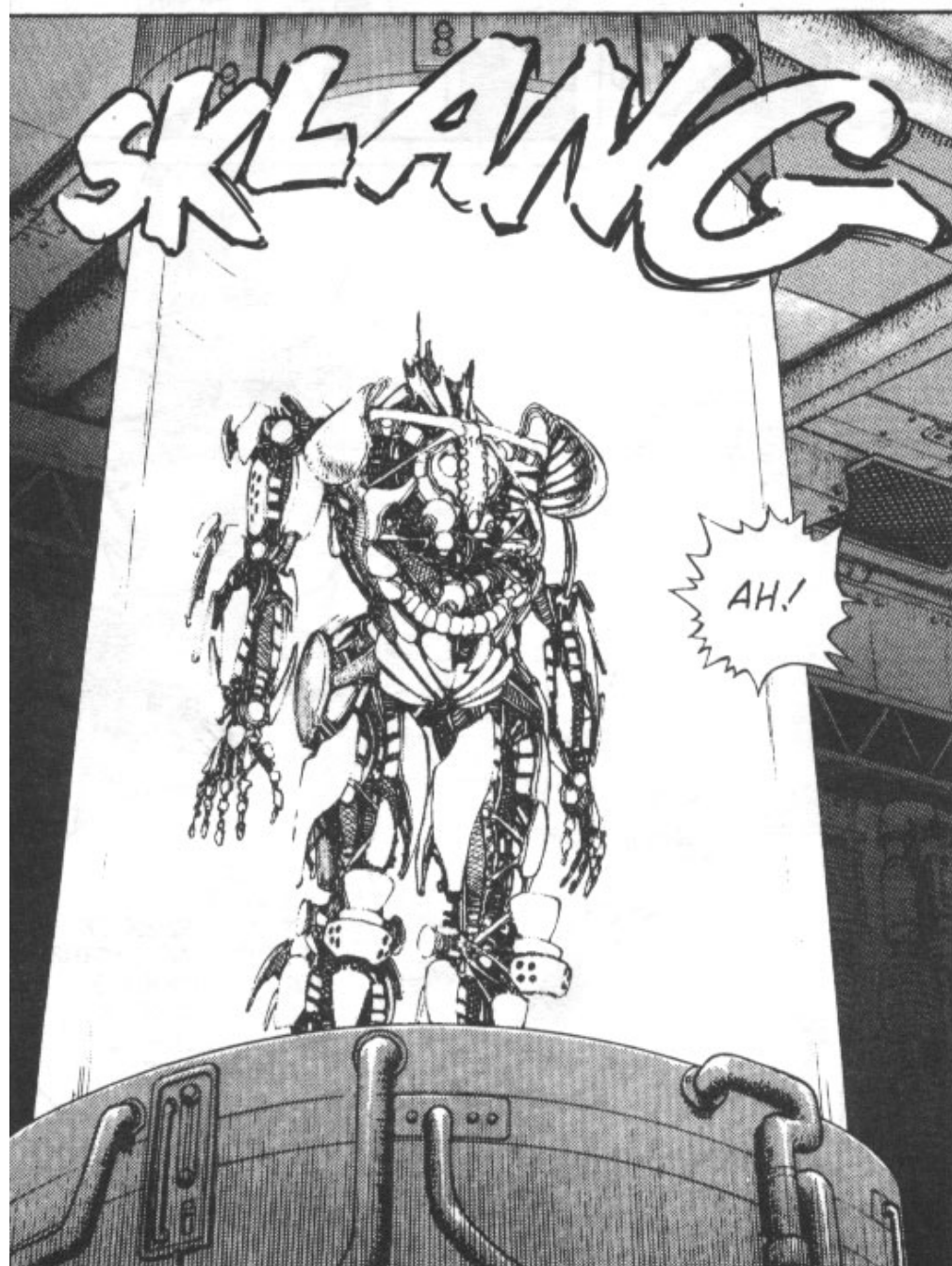


NUGH...



I MUST FINISH THIS EXPERIMENT BEFORE SHE ARRIVES.

WHAT !?



AH!



...IT, TOO,
IS BORN OF
NANOTECH-
NOLOGY, BUT
IT IS ALSO
AN ENTIRELY
DIFFERENT
CONCEPT.



THE BODY
ITSELF CAN
BE CALLED A
MECHANICAL
LIFEFORM.

BUT FOR
UNKNOWN
REASONS,
THERE IS
SOME KIND
OF LOCK ON
THE BODY'S
SYSTEM--
PREVENTING
IT FROM
MOVING
AS IT WAS
DESIGNED
TO MOVE.

LET'S
RELEASE
THAT
LOCK,
SHALL
WE ?!

Pok
Pok



KYA,
HA,
HA!

BLOPP

IT'S MELTING,
PROFESSOR!

SPLASH
SPLASH

NO, NO!
THIS
IS ITS
TRUE
FORM!

OH, I
CAN FEEL
THE EXCITE-
MENT!

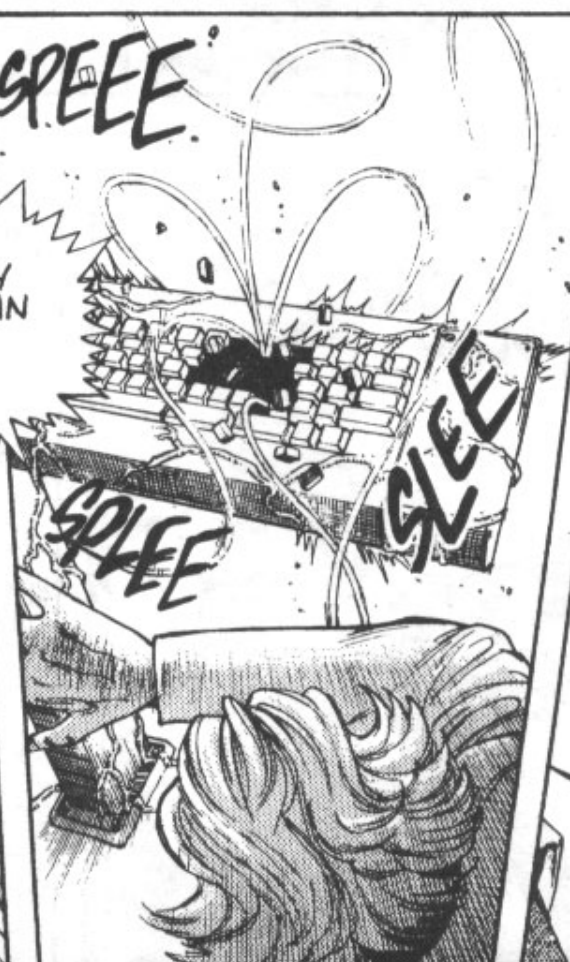
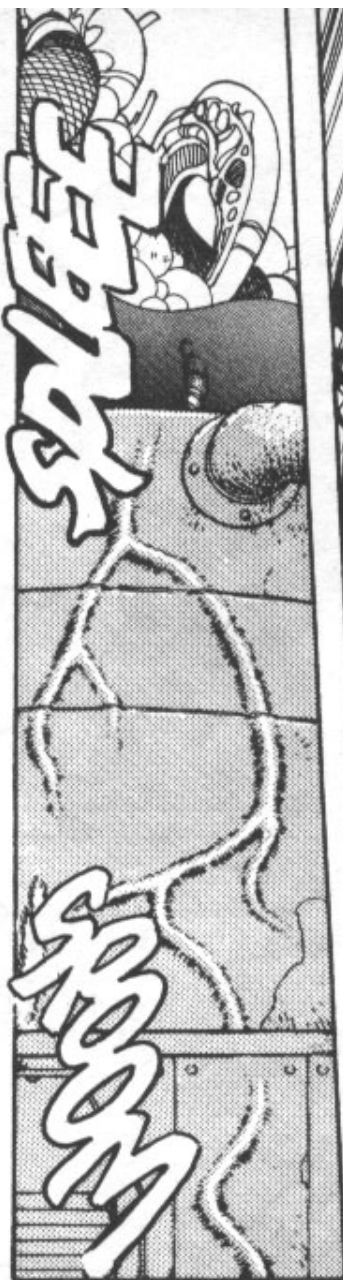
BLP
BLP

SUCH
A BOLD
EXPERI-
MENT!

NO!
STOP...!

YOU
DON'T
REALIZE
WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING
!







YOU FOOL!
YOU BROKE
THE SEAL
ON THE
BODY'S
"BERSERKER
MODE!"



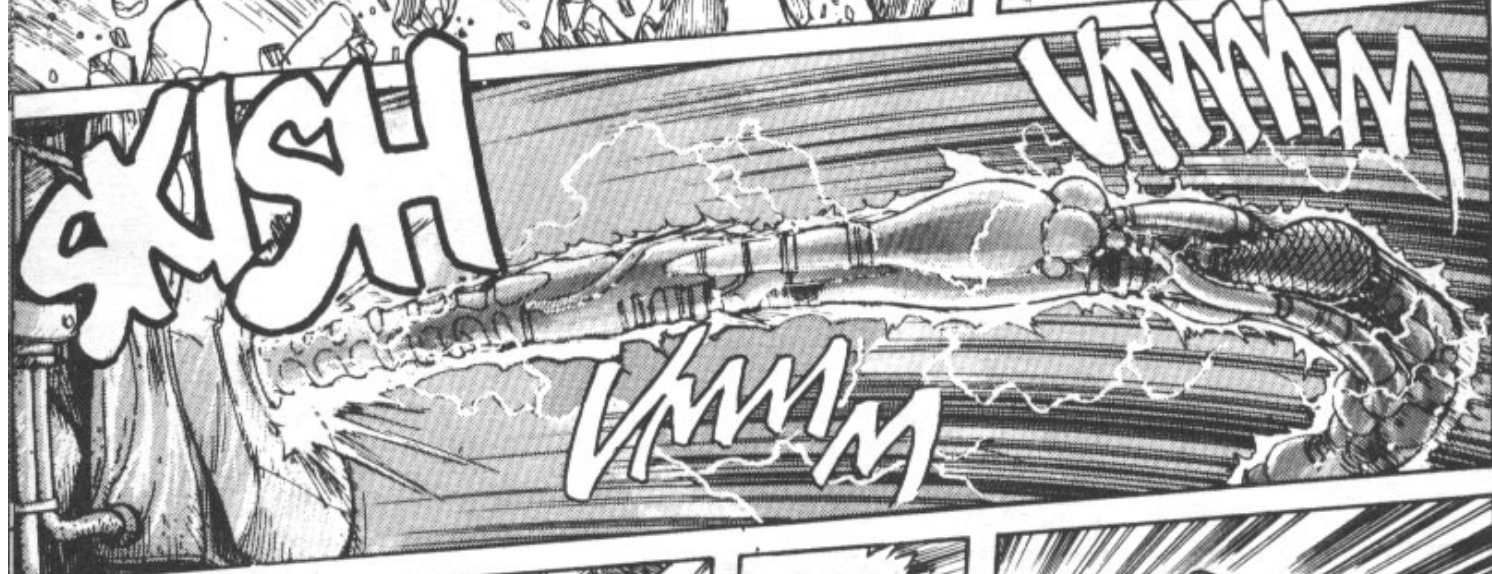
THE "BERSERKER"
WAS A WEAPON OF
TERROR SENT INTO ENEMY
TERRITORY TO CAUSE
INDISCRIMINATE DESTRUC-
TION DURING THE DAYS
OF THE GREAT
STELLAR WARS!

BAZARLD!
CUT THE
POWER!



YES,
MASTER
!



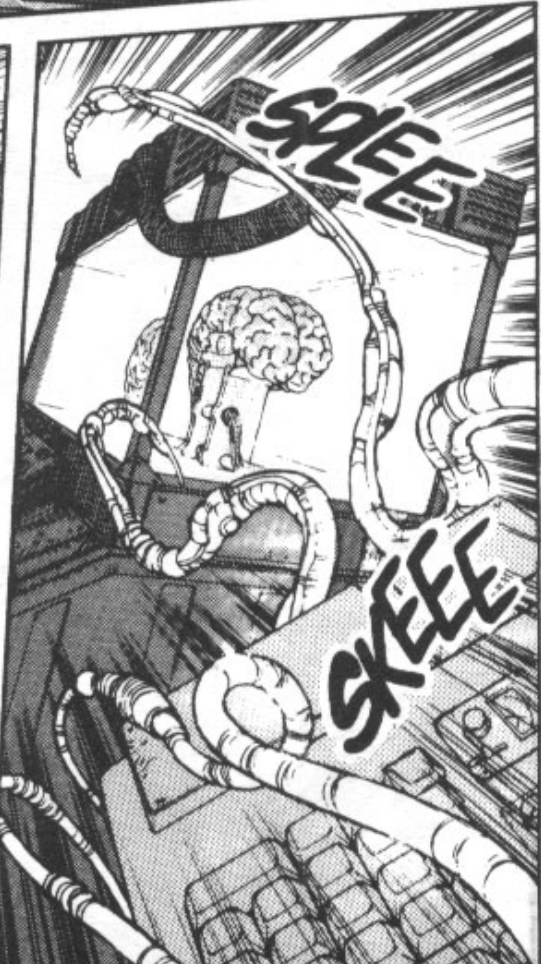


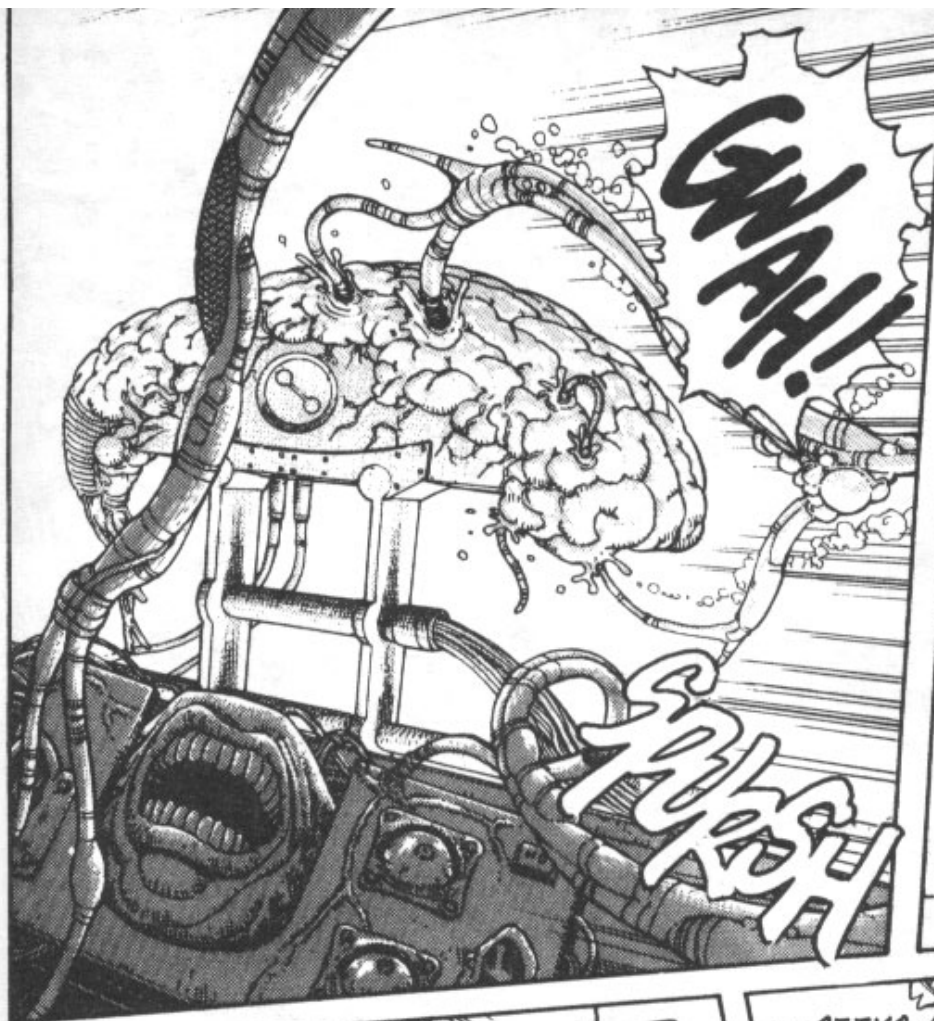
IT'S
ABSORBING
ENERGY

THAT RED
TUBE IS
PROGRAMMED
TO SEEK
OUT A
POWER
SUPPLY...



...WHICH
MEANS
THE
BLUE
TUBE--







IDO, THAT
CONTAINS
DESTRUCTIVE
NANOMATERIAL,
DESIGNED TO
BREAK DOWN
THE BERSERKER
BODY AT THE
CELLULAR
LEVEL!

THE ONLY
WAY TO
STOP THE
BERSERKER
IS TO
INJECT
IT!

O-
OKAY

VWAAM

AH
!

WAH!

VAM VAM

THAT
THING--
CREATING
PLASMA
BALLS
!?

...MY
FACE
!

I... I
CAN'T
REMEMBER
MY
FACE!

SKINGATTING

BUT I CAN
NEVER FORGET
THE **HATRED**
THAT ANCHORS MY
EXISTENCE!

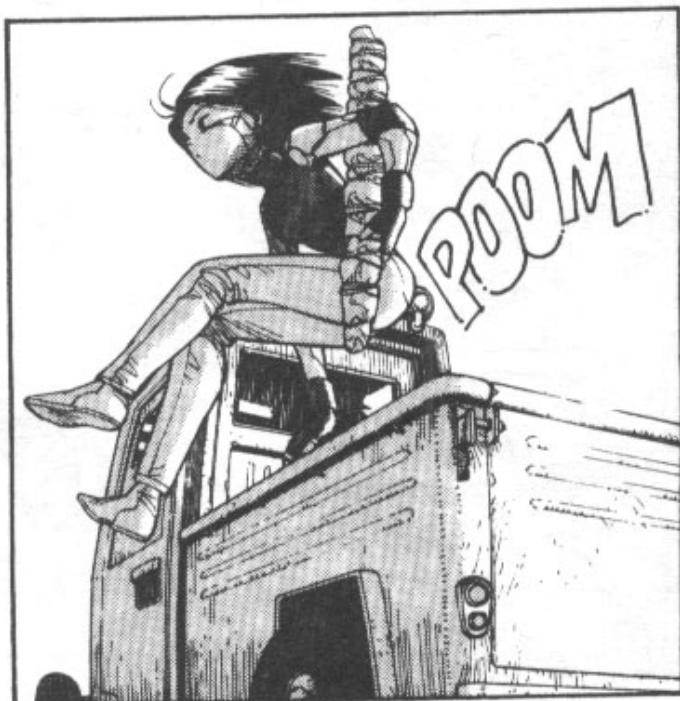
TOOK

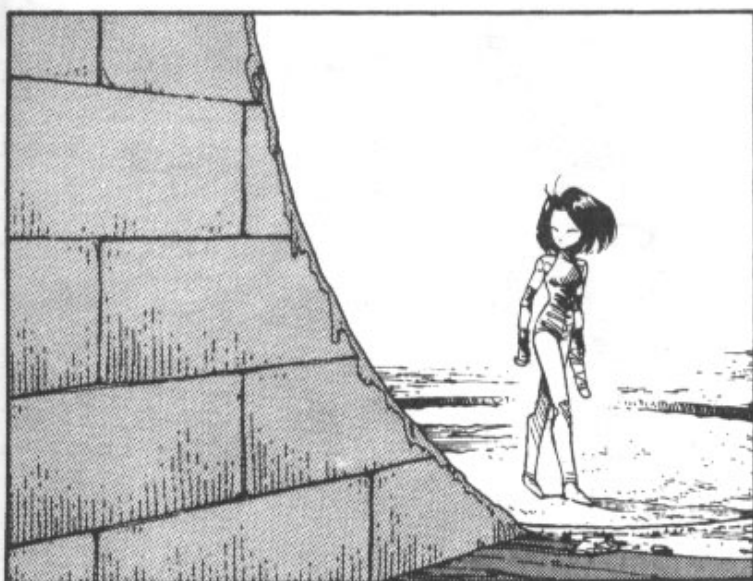
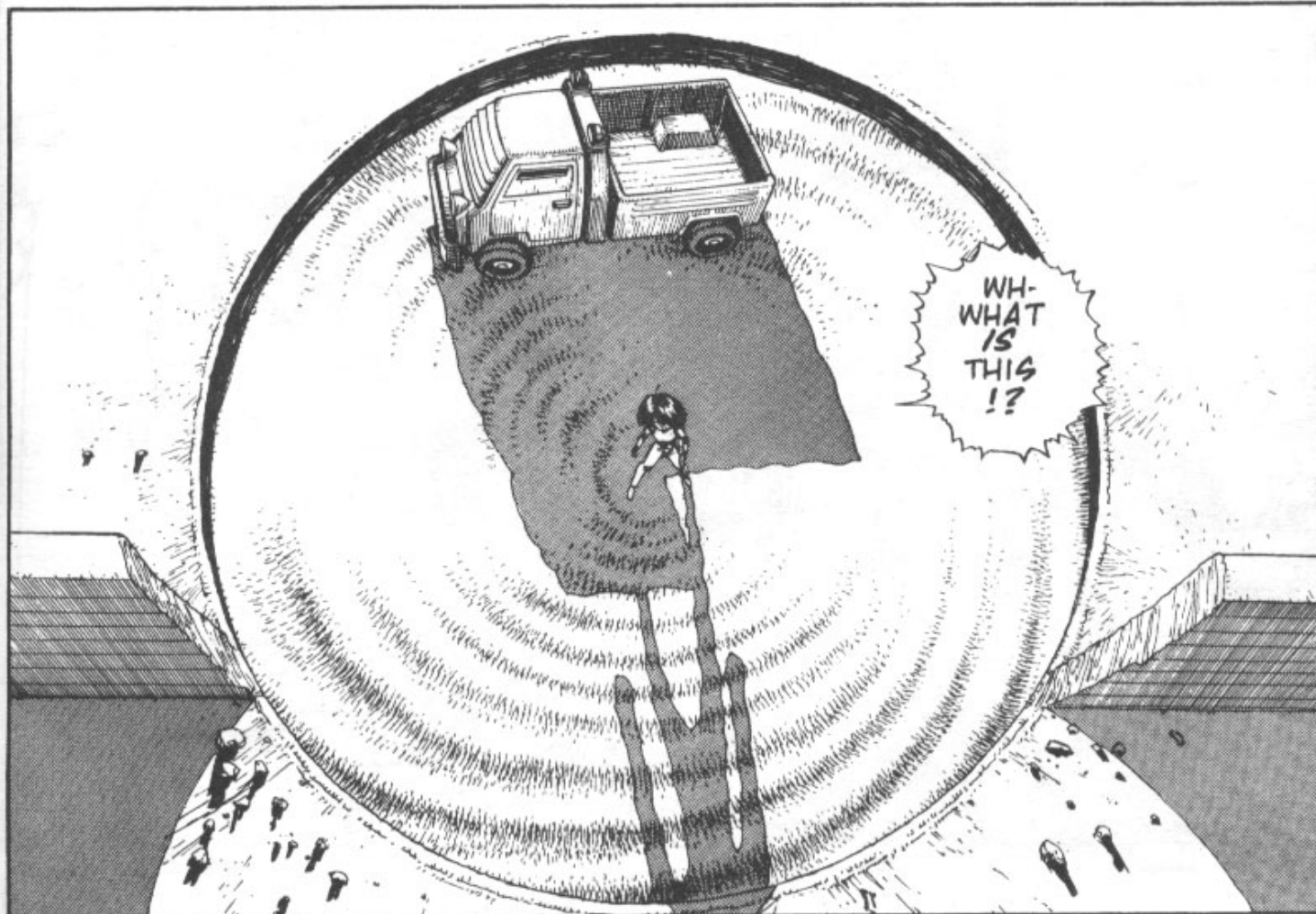
MY HATRED
OF THAT GIRL...

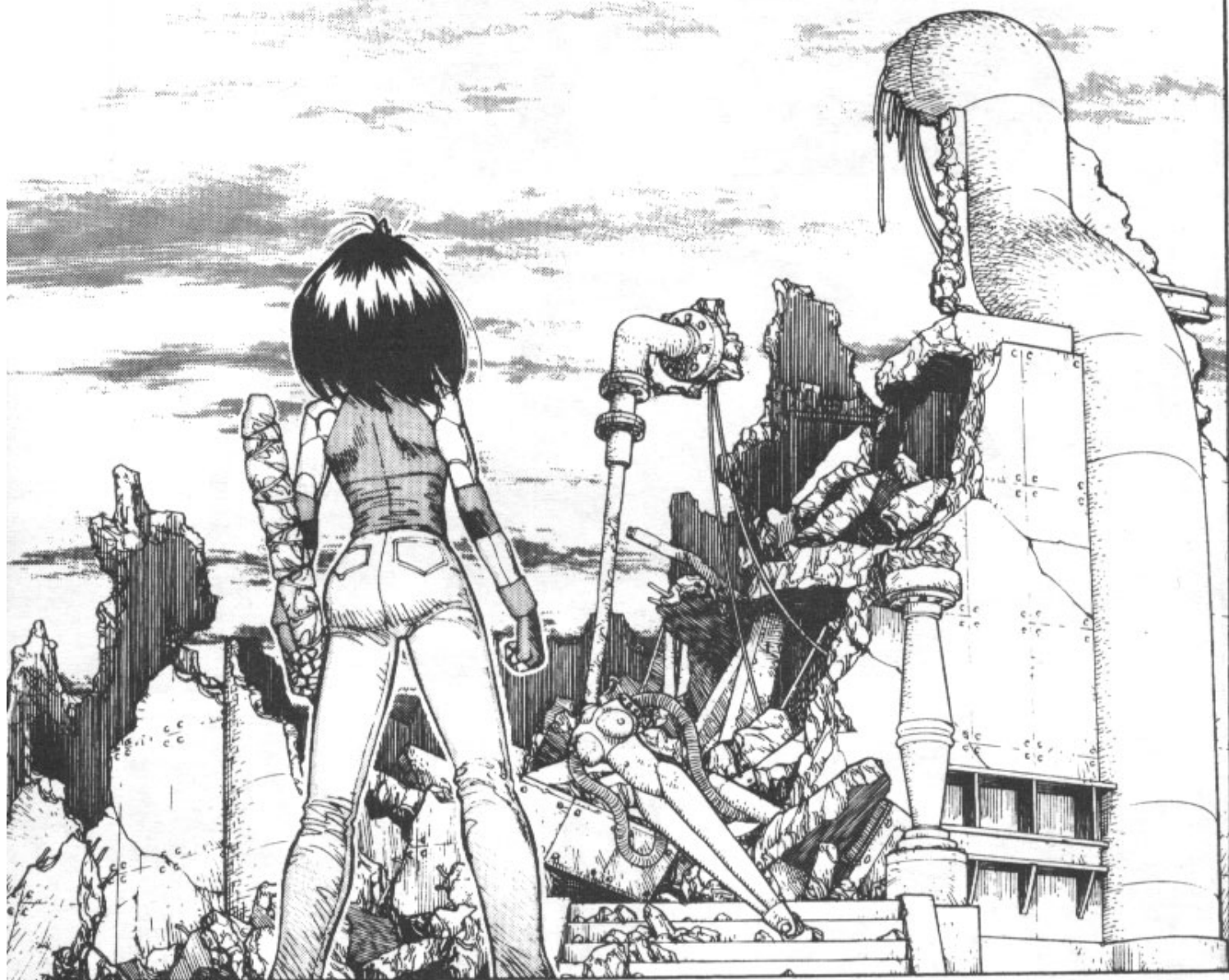
ALITA!

**WA
AARGH!**



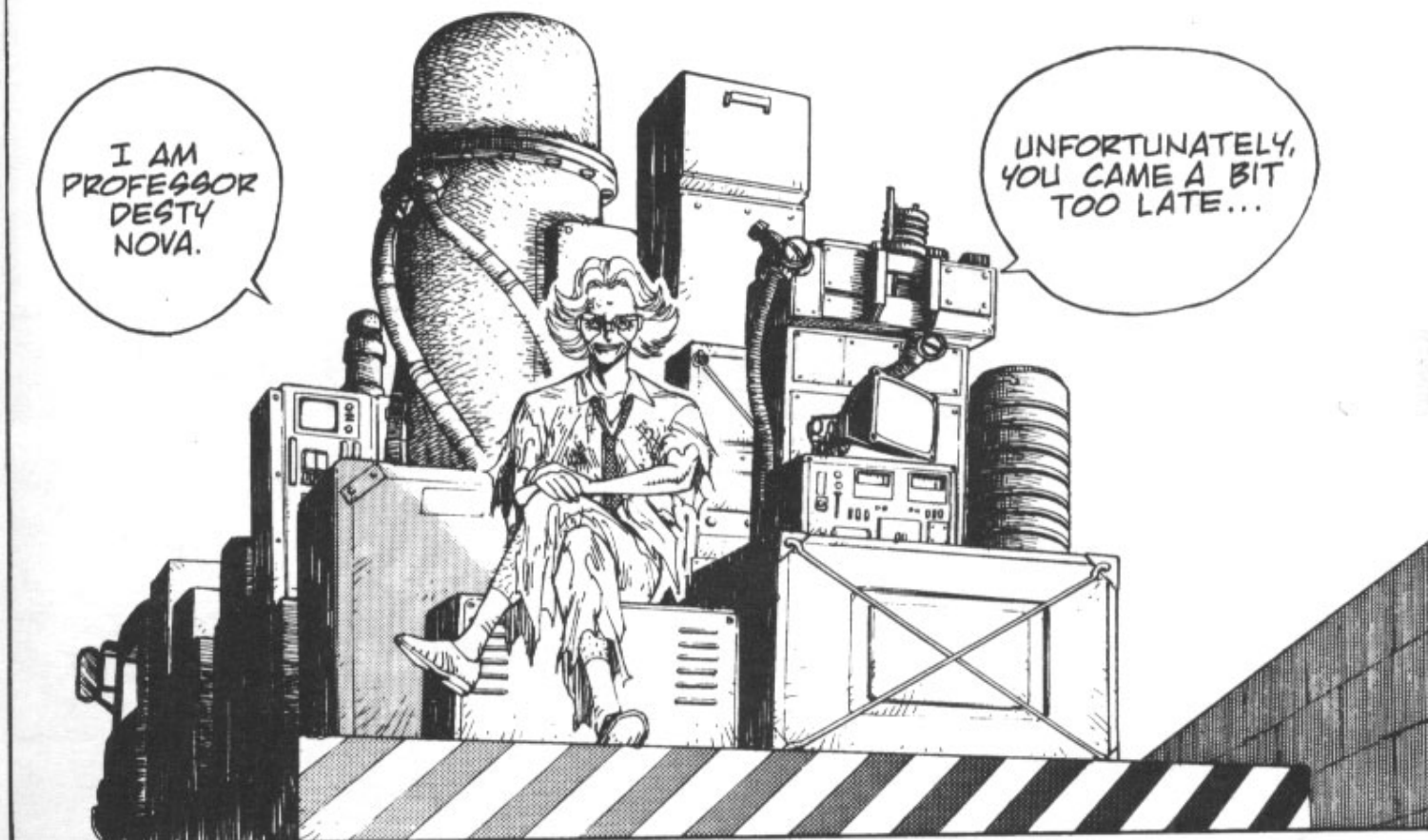






YOU
MUST BE
ALITA.





I AM
PROFESSOR
DESTY
NOVA.

UNFORTUNATELY,
YOU CAME A BIT
TOO LATE...



THANK
YOU,
BOY.

I'M A
GIRL!



WHATEVER.
WE HAVE
DECIDED
TO LEAVE
THIS
TOWN.

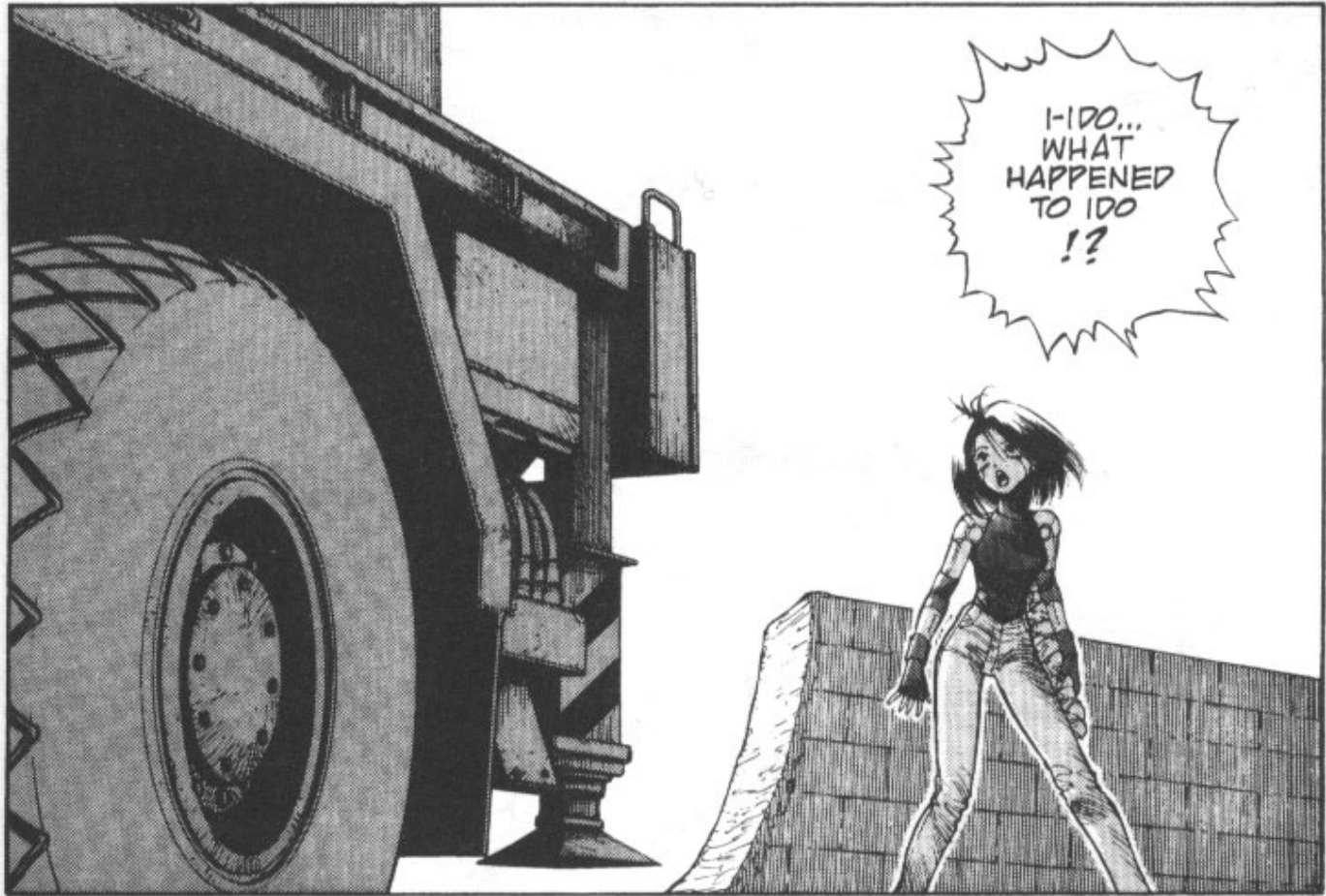
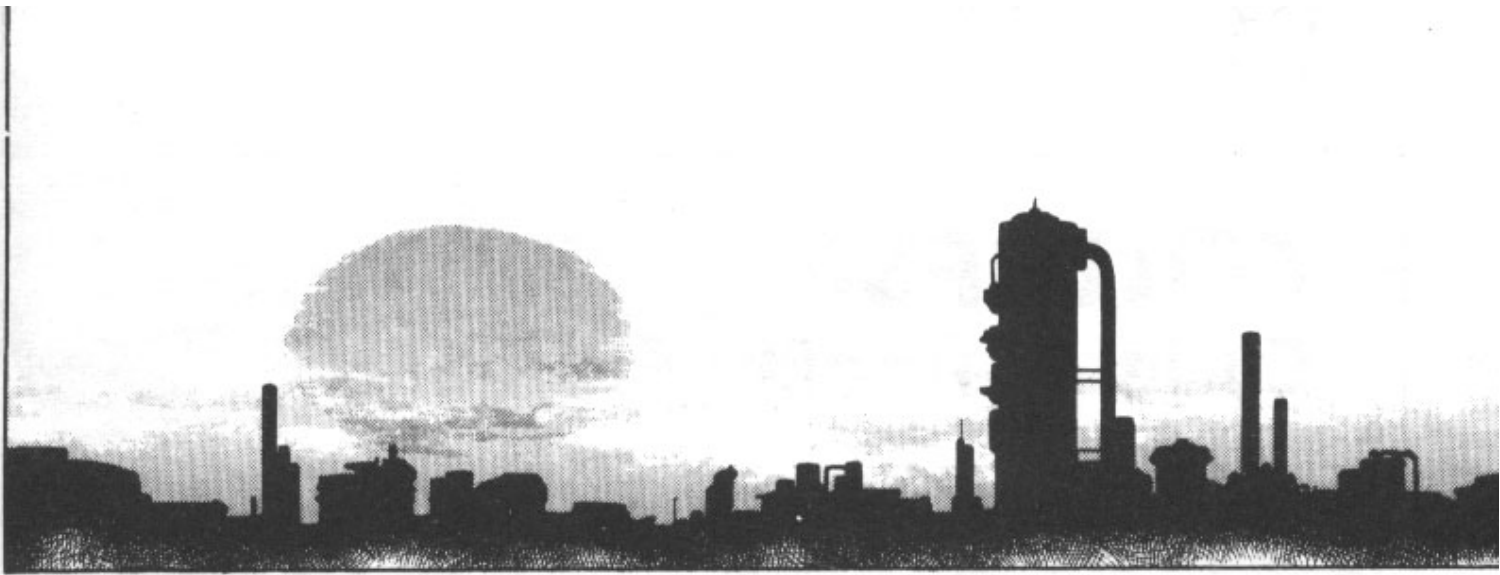


W-WAIT!
IDO...WHAT'S
HAPPENED
TO IDO!?



WELL,
IDO IS...

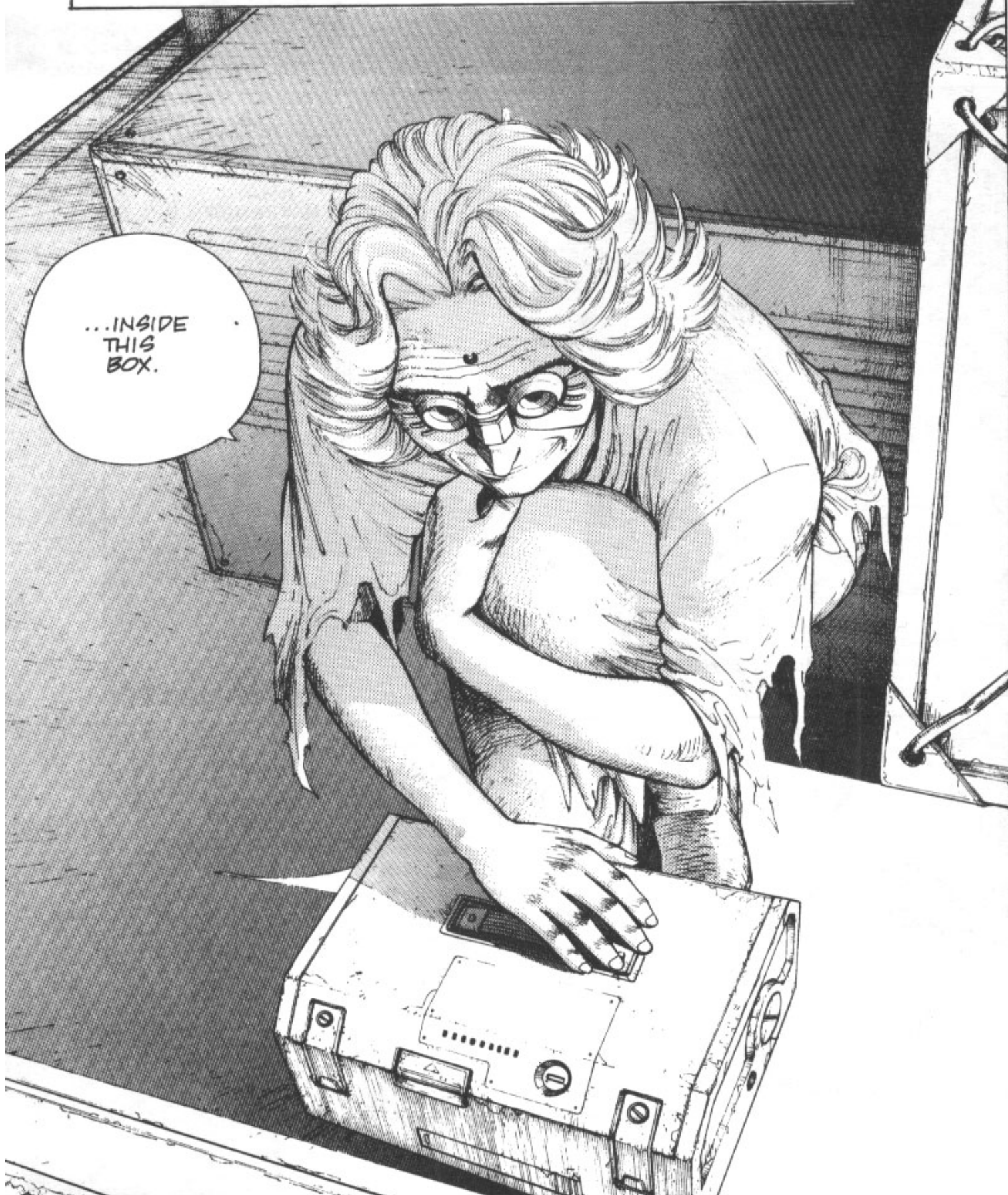


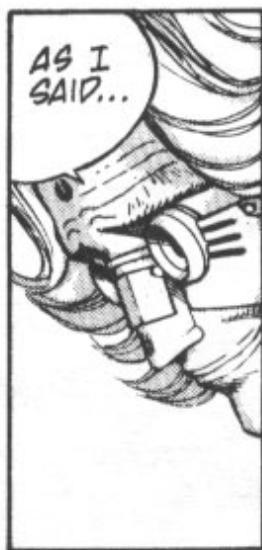


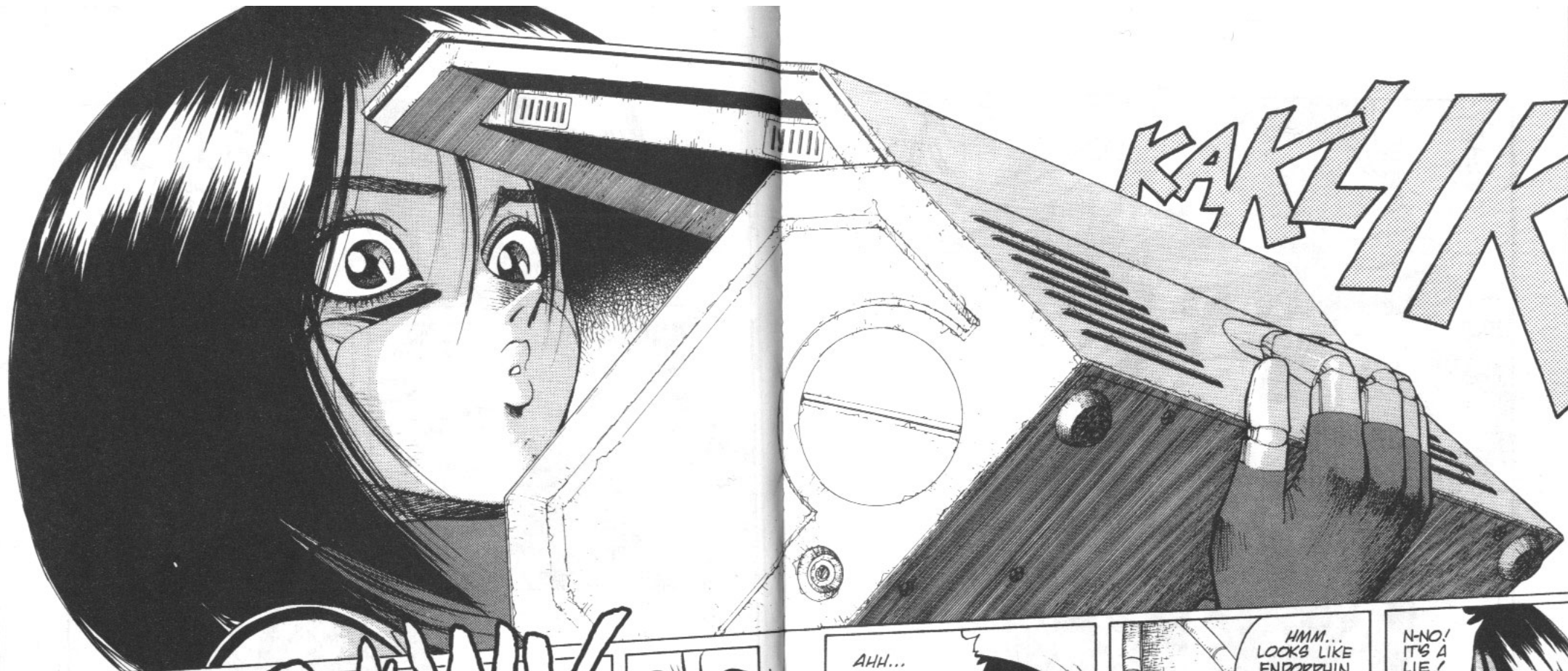
COLLAPSE

Cycle 4: Reality Crumbles

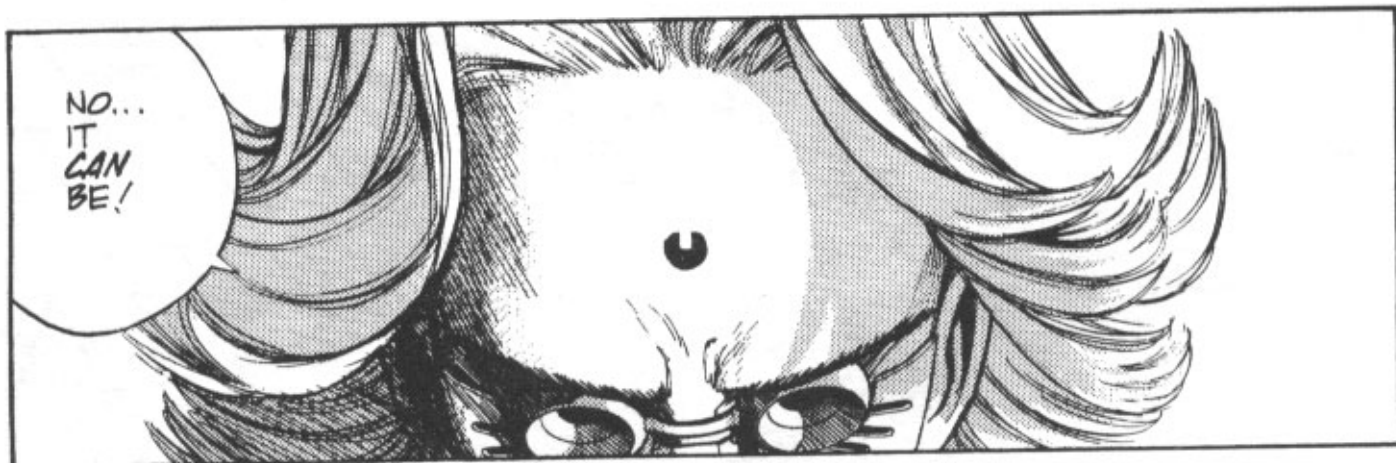
...INSIDE
THIS
BOX.







*ENDORPHIN WITHDRAWAL: ANIMALS AND HUMANS PRODUCE ENDORPHINS WHEN THEY ARE WITH THEIR OWN GROUP, FEELING SECURE AND HAPPY. SEPARATION FROM THAT SECURITY CAUSES THE BRAIN TO STOP PRODUCTION OF ENDORPHINS, CAUSING SYMPTOMS SIMILAR TO DRUG WITHDRAWAL.



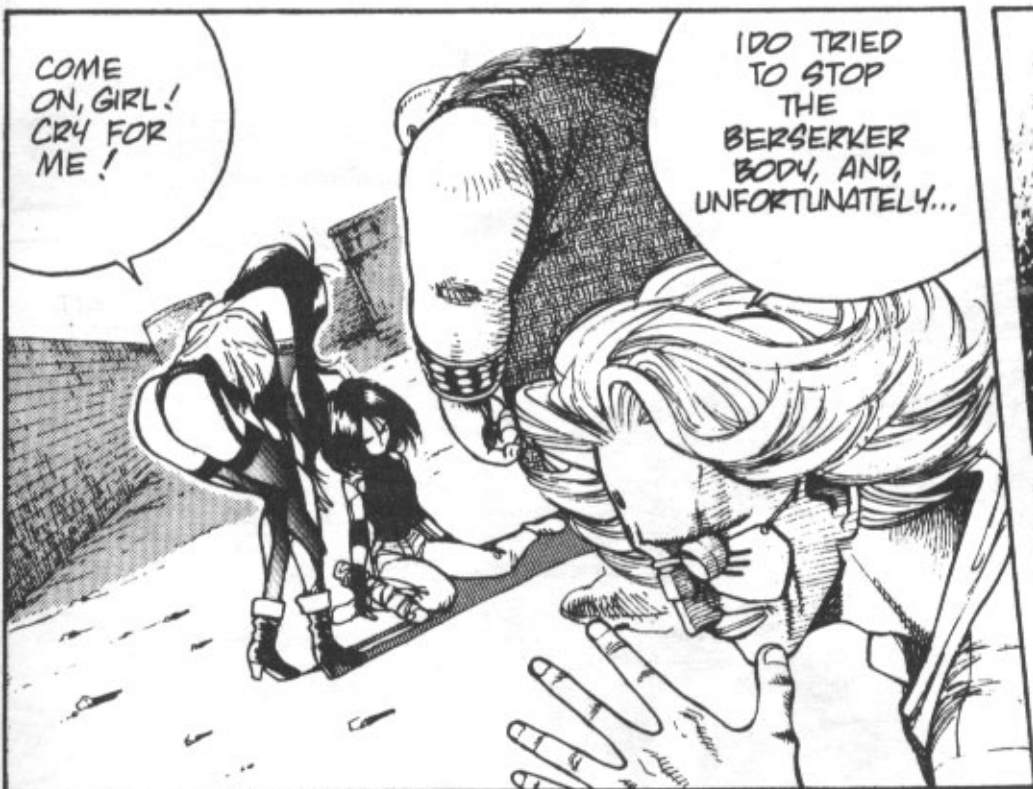


WH-WHY...?



TEE
HEE
HEE

I JUST
LOVE
SEEING
PEOPLE
GRIEVE.

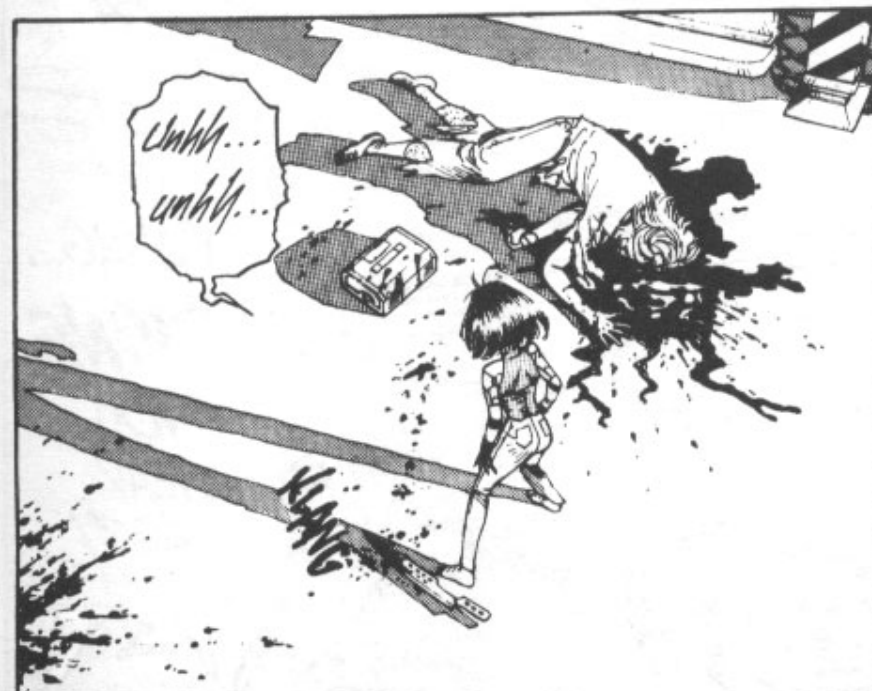


COME
ON, GIRL!
CRY FOR
ME!

I DO TRIED
TO STOP
THE
BERSERKER
BODY, AND,
UNFORTUNATELY...



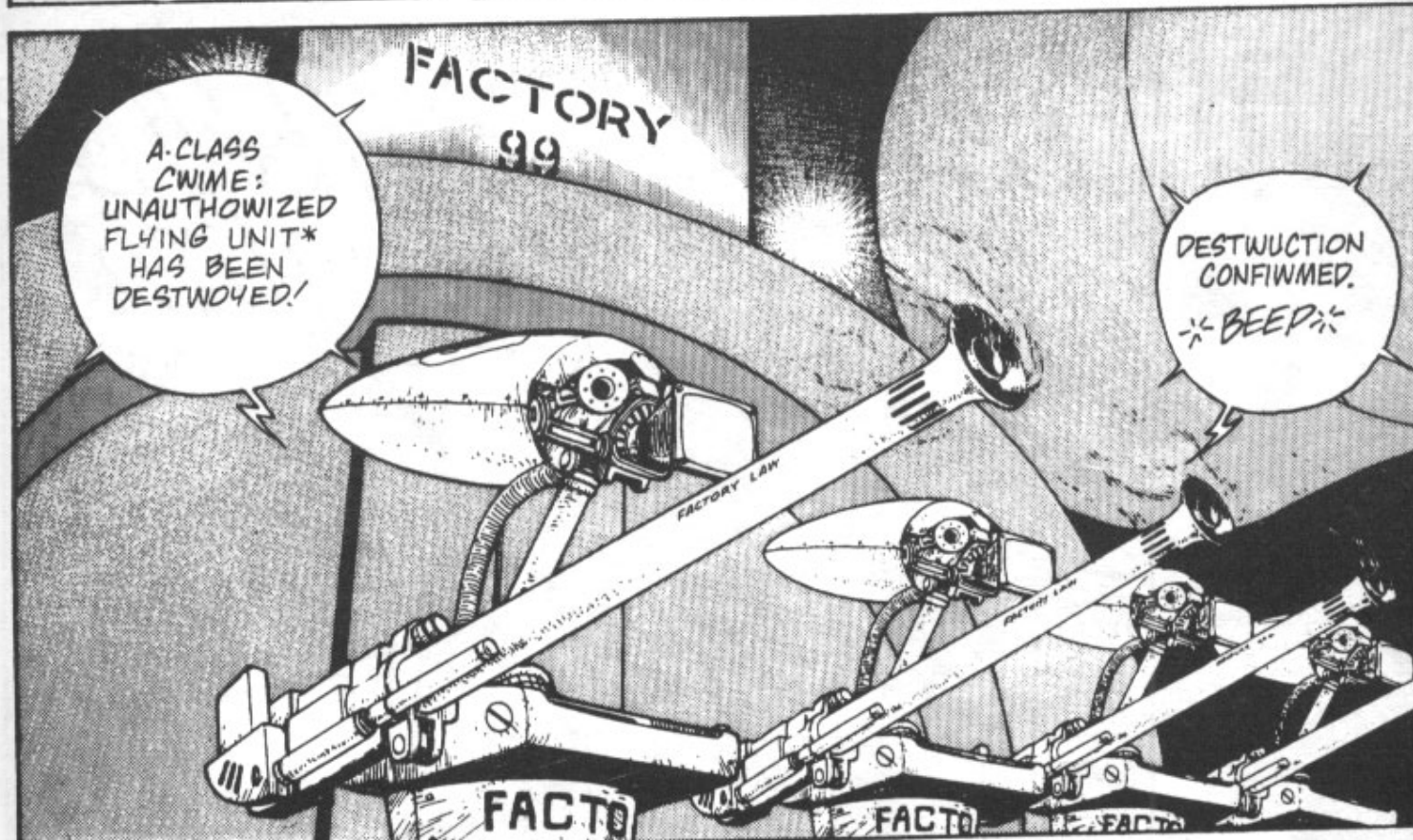
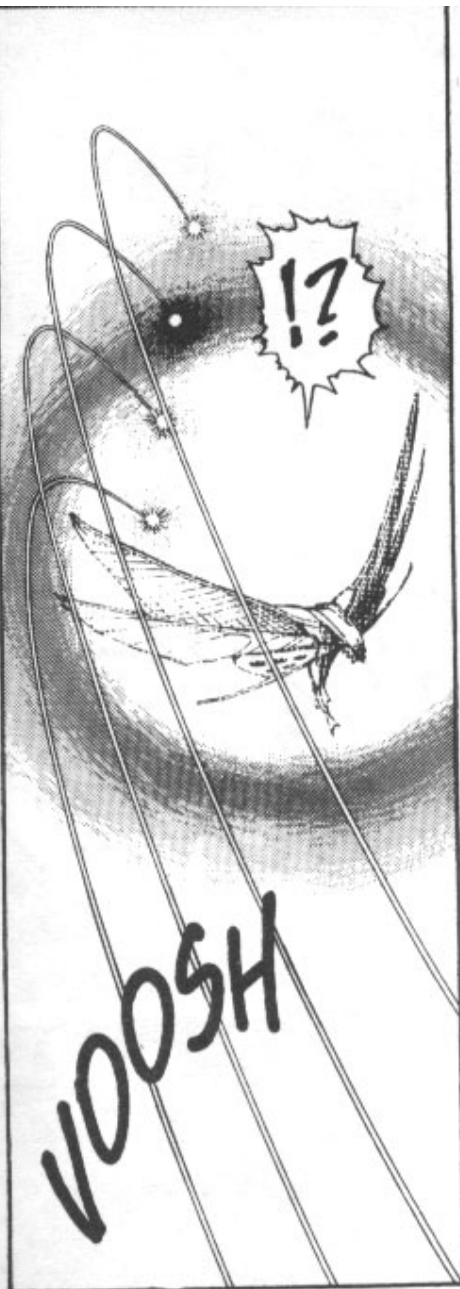




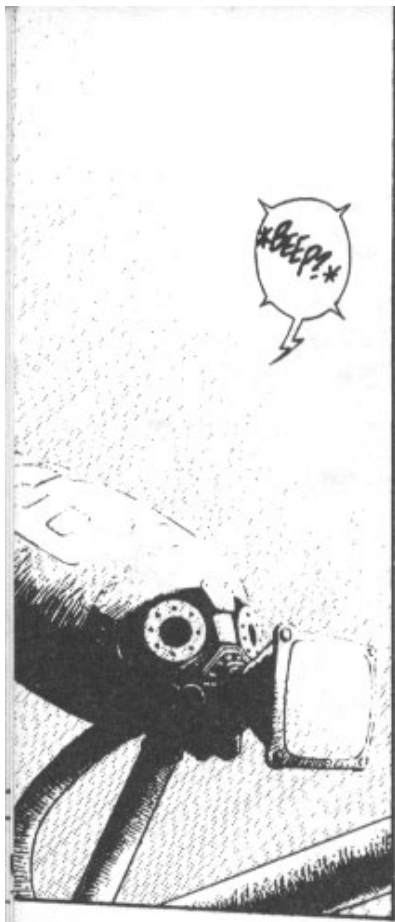
ZWO



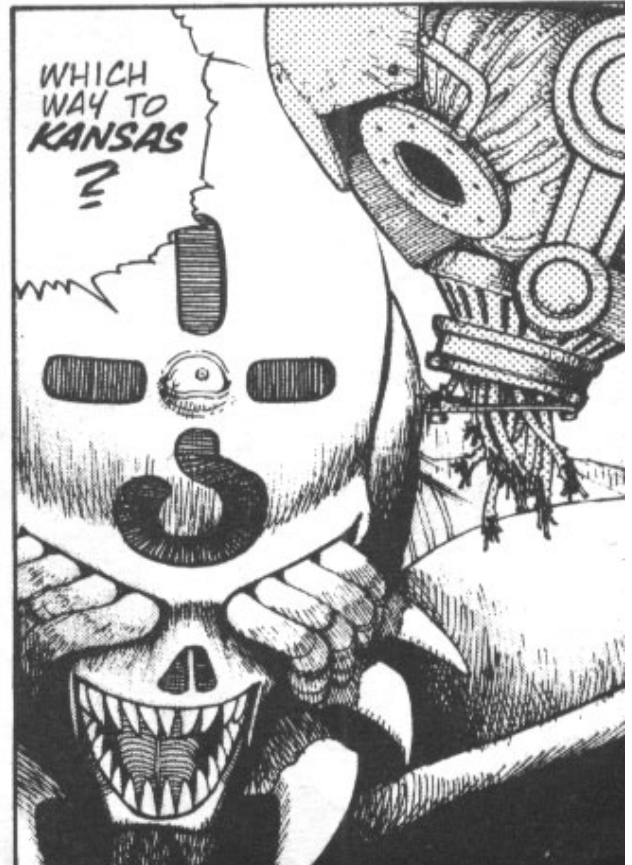
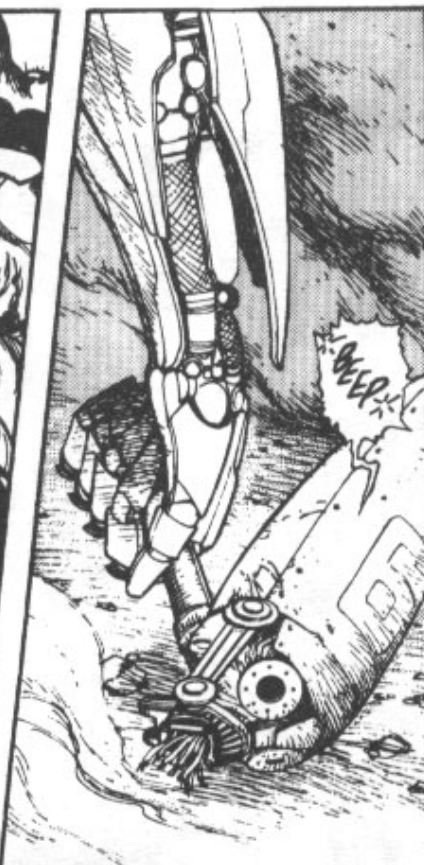
I'M
FLYING...
FLYING,
YOU
HEAR
ME?!



*IT IS AGAINST FACTORY LAW TO BE IN FLIGHT BENEATH TIPHARES. THIS IS THE REASON THERE ARE NO BIRDS IN THE SCRAPYARD.



FIRE!
FIRE!
FIRE!





I'VE
INJECTED
ALL OUR
BODIES WITH
"RESTORER"
NANOBOTS.
THIS KIND
OF DAMAGE
CAN BE
EASILY
DEALT
WITH!

BUT,
SINCE I'VE
LOST A LOT
OF BLOOD, I
CAN'T SAY I
FEEL VERY
GOOD.

OOH! I
JUST LOVE
A COLD
BLADE
CUTTING
ACROSS MY
THROAT.

keh

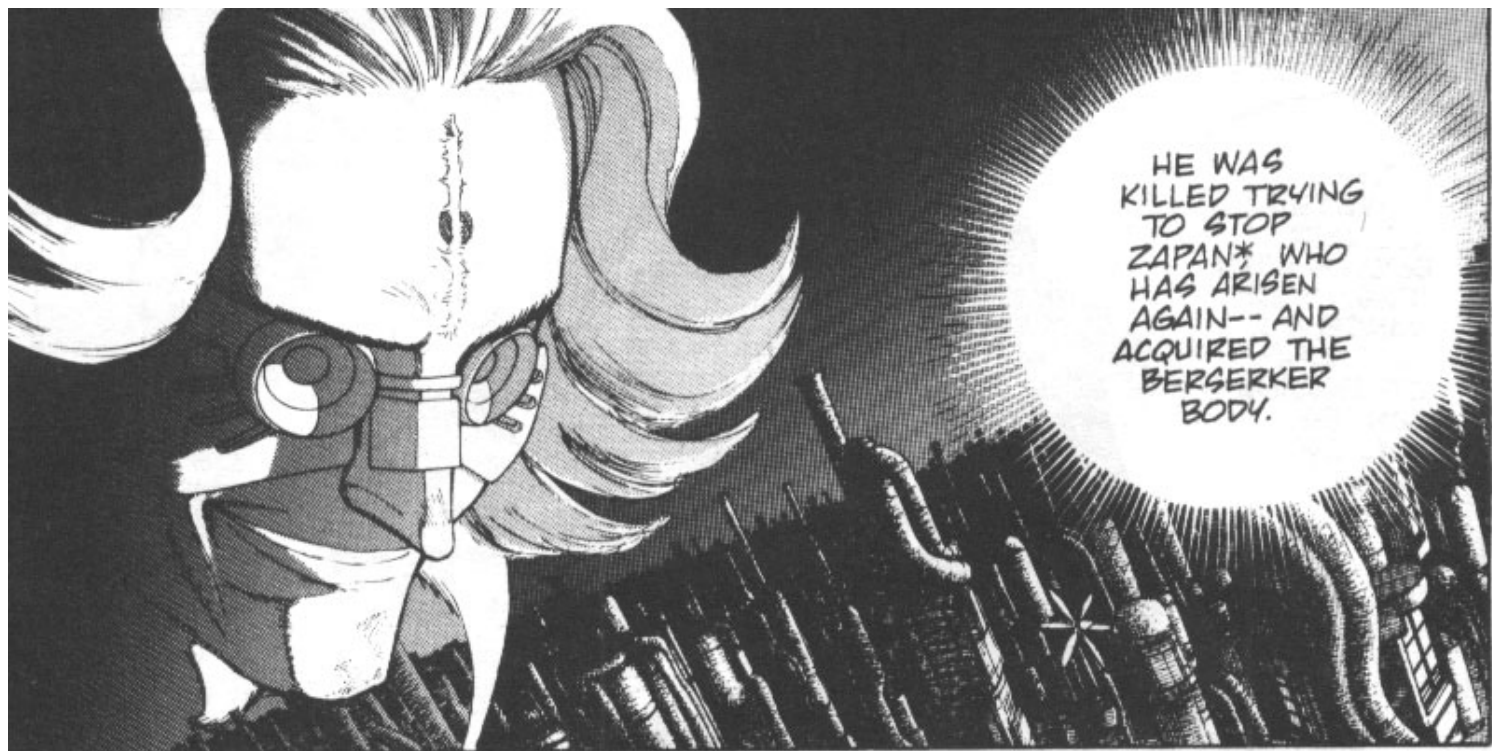
*koff
koff*

IDO SAID
YOU WERE
SHORT-
TEMPERED--
BUT I NEVER
THOUGHT YOU'D
SUDDENLY
COME AT ME
WITH A
KNIFE...

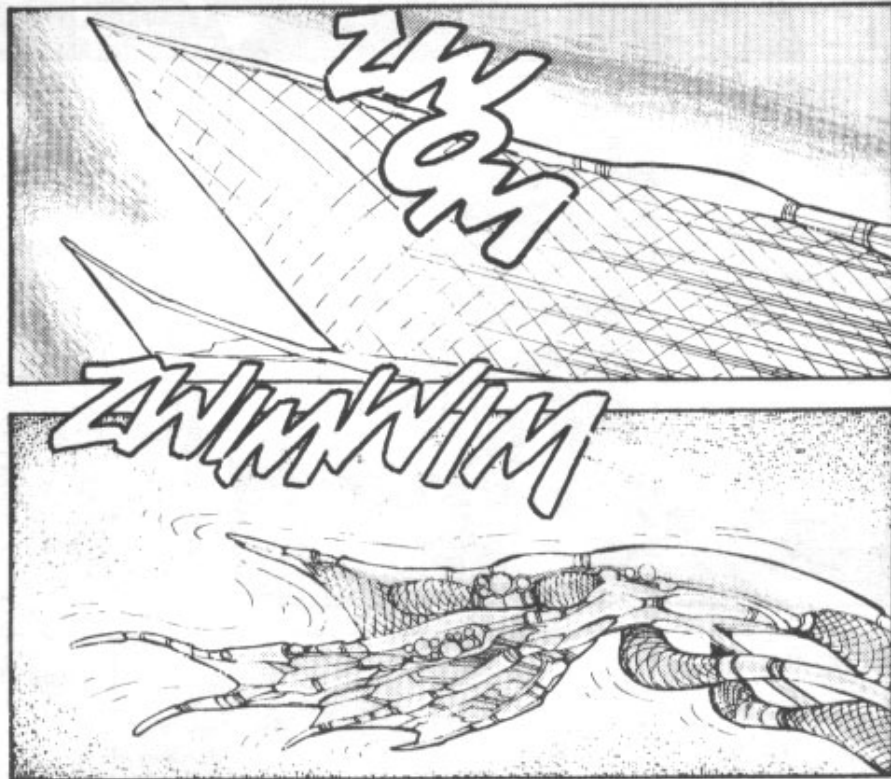
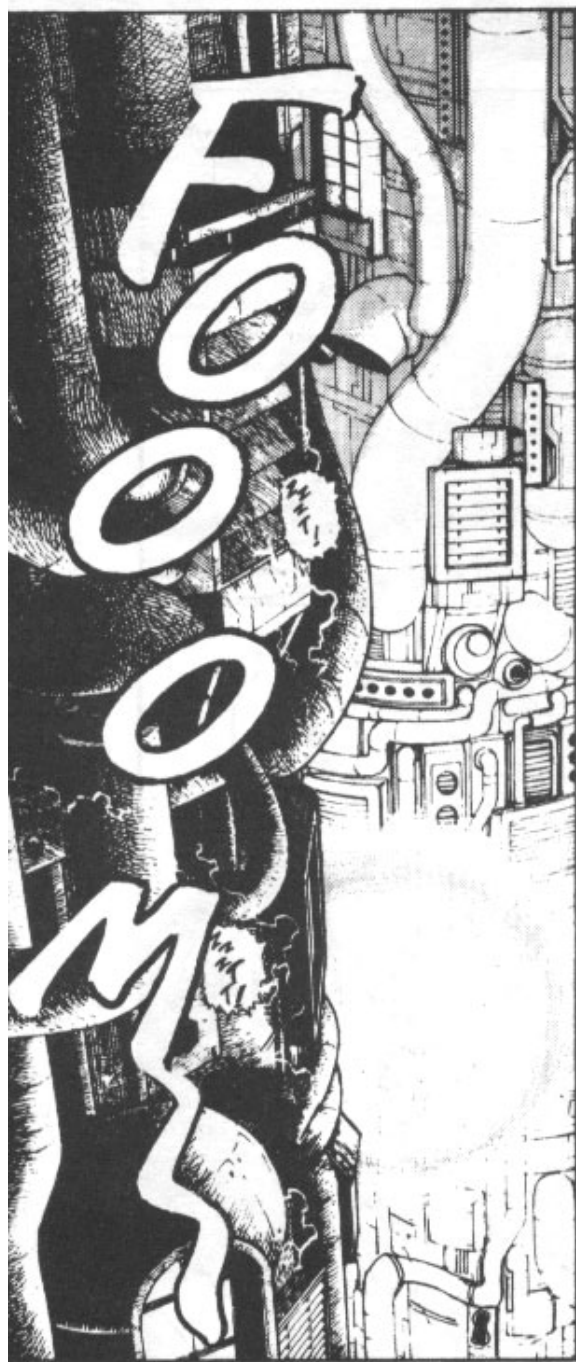
NOW,
CALM
YOURSELF
AND HEAR
ME OUT!

YOU SHOULD
KNOW THAT
IT IS
POSSIBLE
FOR ME TO
HEAL
IDO!

!



HE WAS
KILLED TRYING
TO STOP
ZAPAN*, WHO
HAS ARISEN
AGAIN-- AND
ACQUIRED THE
BERSERKER
BODY.



* ZAPAN: ACCORDING TO 16TH CENTURY DEMONOLOGISTS, THE FOUR REGIONS OF HELL WERE RULED BY SEVEN KINGS/OVERLORDS, INCLUDING ZAPAN, BAAL, ASMODEUS, BELIAL, AND OTHERS.



ZAPAN'S
MADNESS
HAS
BROUGHT
OUT THE
BERSERKER
BODY'S FULL
POTENTIAL--

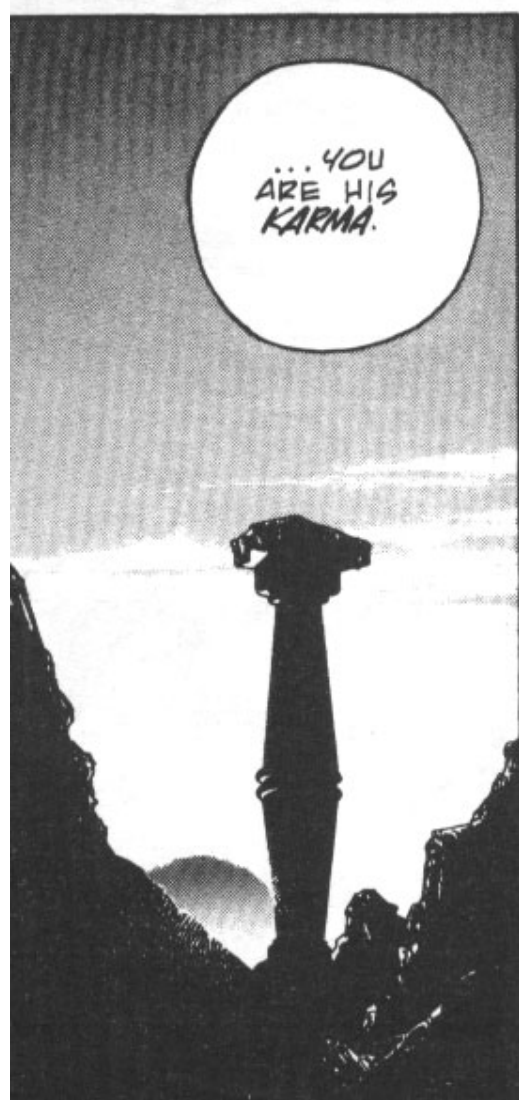
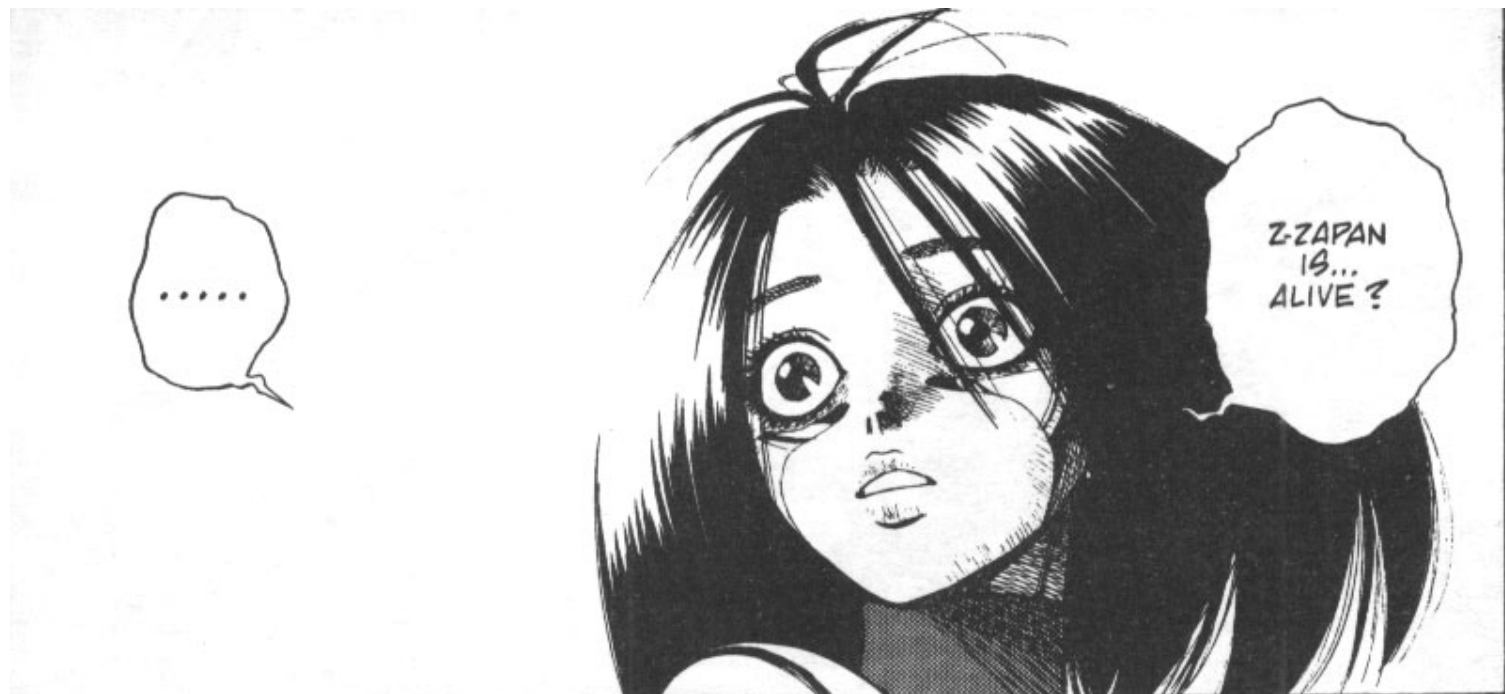
--HE CAN
ASSUME ANY
SHAPE HE CAN
IMAGINE BY
MANIPULATING
ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS,
HE CAN PRODUCE SPHERES
OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY
WITH TEMPERATURES
TENS OF THOUSANDS
DEGREES KELVIN...!

AND HE
EXISTS FOR
ONLY ONE
REASON--

REVENGE!

STSH

BAR
NEW
KANSAS



THE
"COLLAPSER"!

IF YOU
MANAGE
TO INJECT
THIS DEEP
INTO
ZAPAN'S
BODY,
YOU
MAY BE
ABLE TO
DEFEAT
HIM.

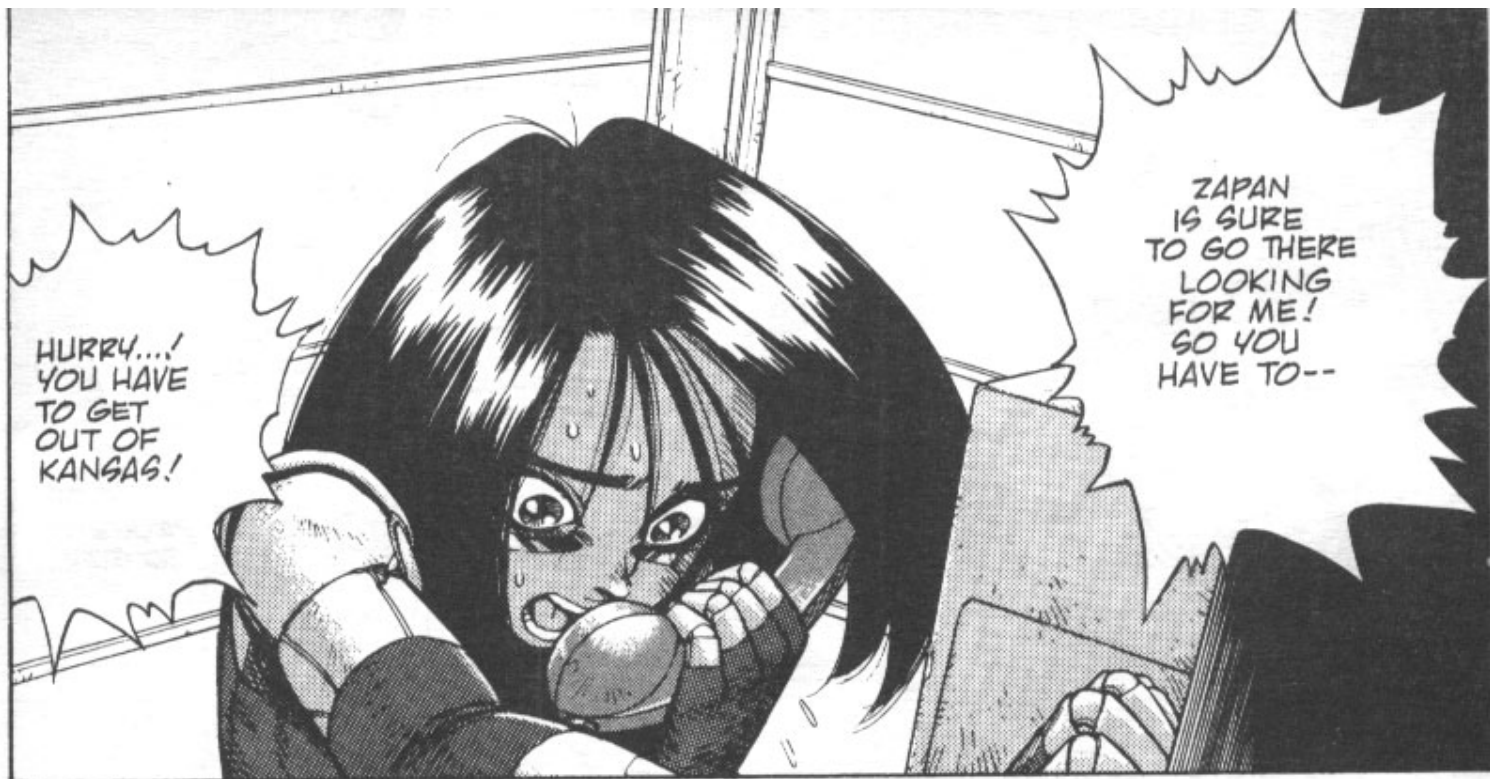


LEAVE
IT TO
ME.

IDO IS
ALREADY
MY
PATIENT.







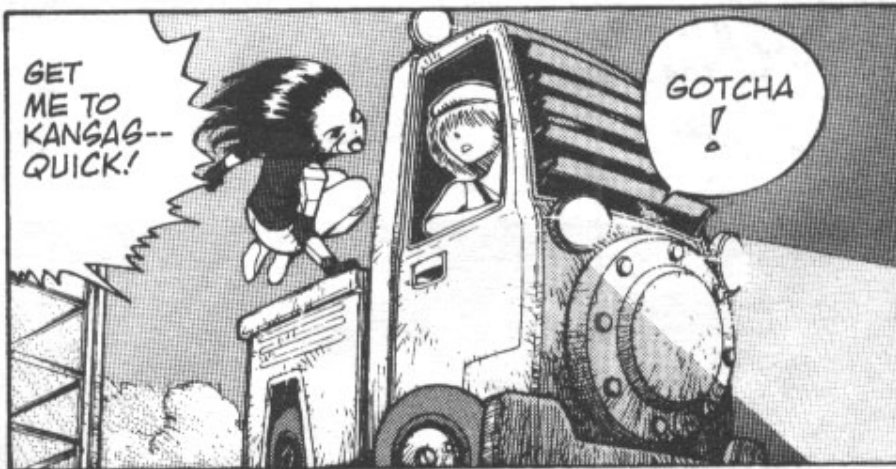
HURRY...!
YOU HAVE
TO GET
OUT OF
KANSAS!

ZAPAN
IS SURE
TO GO THERE
LOOKING
FOR ME!
SO YOU
HAVE TO--



ERG...!

BE
BEEP
BEEP



GET
ME TO
KANSAS--
QUICK!

GOTCHA
!



"THE ONE
WHO CREATED
THE MONSTER
HE HAS
BECOME...
IS YOU."

Putt
Putt

...THEN...

Putt

...IS
ALL
THIS...

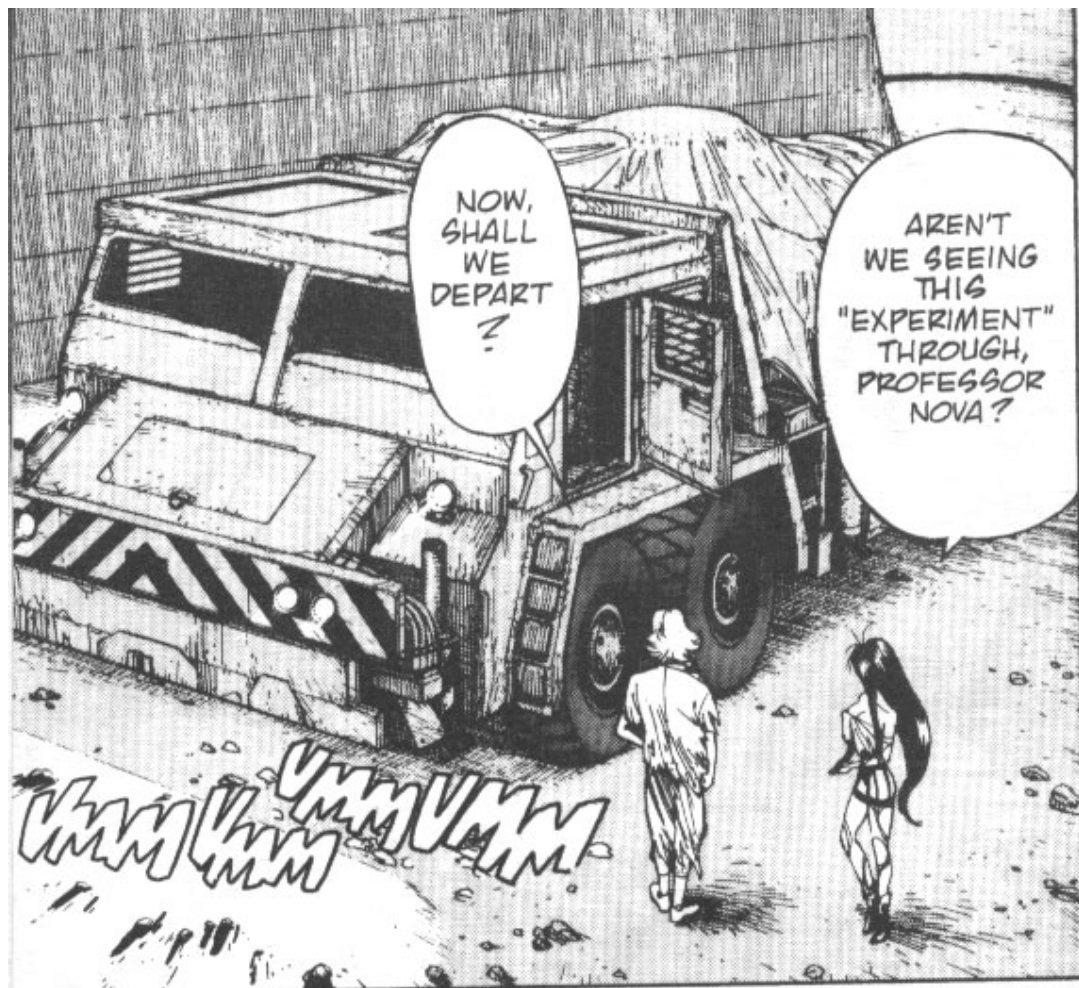
...M-MY
FAULT...!?



PLEASE...
LET THEM
ALL BE
SAFE UNTIL
I GET
THERE!

DEAR
GOD...

SHANG

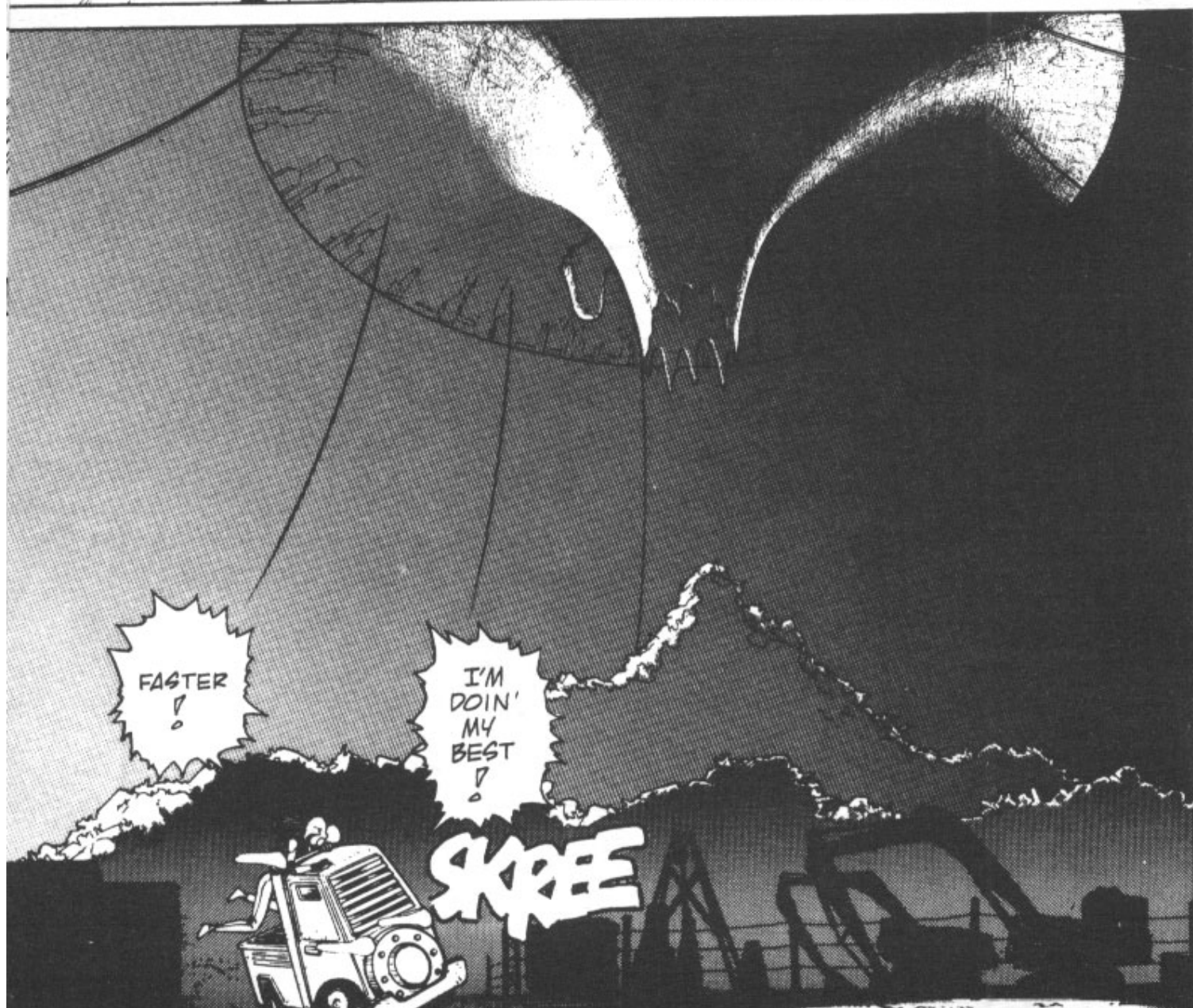


NOW,
SHALL
WE
DEPART
?

AREN'T
WE SEEING
THIS
"EXPERIMENT"
THROUGH,
PROFESSOR
NOVA?

WITH THE
BERSEKER
RUNNING
LOOSE IN
THE SCRAP-
YARD, I'M
SURE THE
TIPHAREAN
MILITARY WILL
EVENTUALLY BE
MOBILIZED.

IT'S NOT
PRUDENT
TO STAY...



FASTER
!

I'M
DOIN'
MY
BEST
!

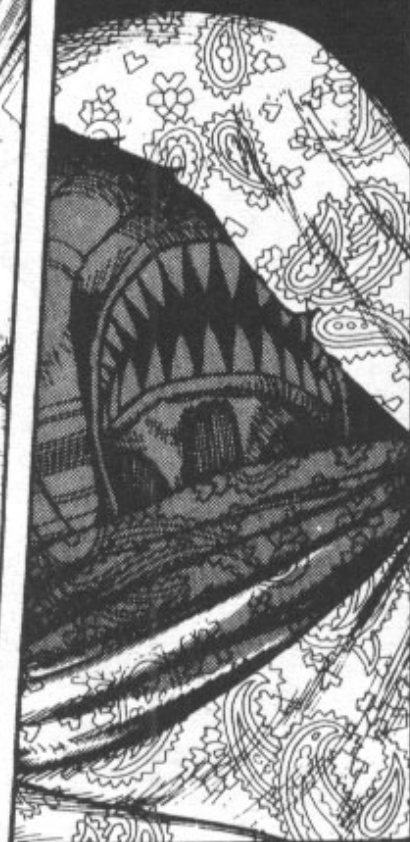
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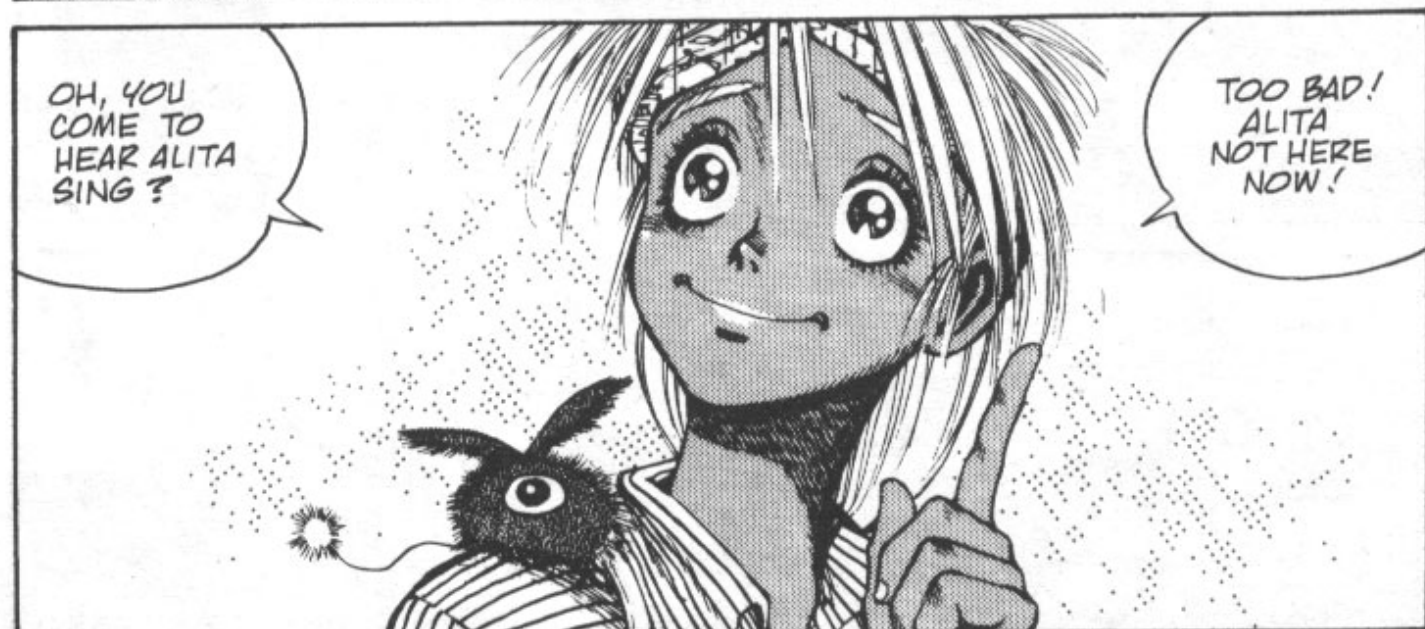
IS
ALITA...

...HERE...?



OH, YOU
COME TO
HEAR ALITA
SING?

TOO BAD!
ALITA
NOT HERE
NOW!





SHUMIRA

COMING--!

SKEECH



OOPS!
SORRY 'BOUT
THAT...

hic

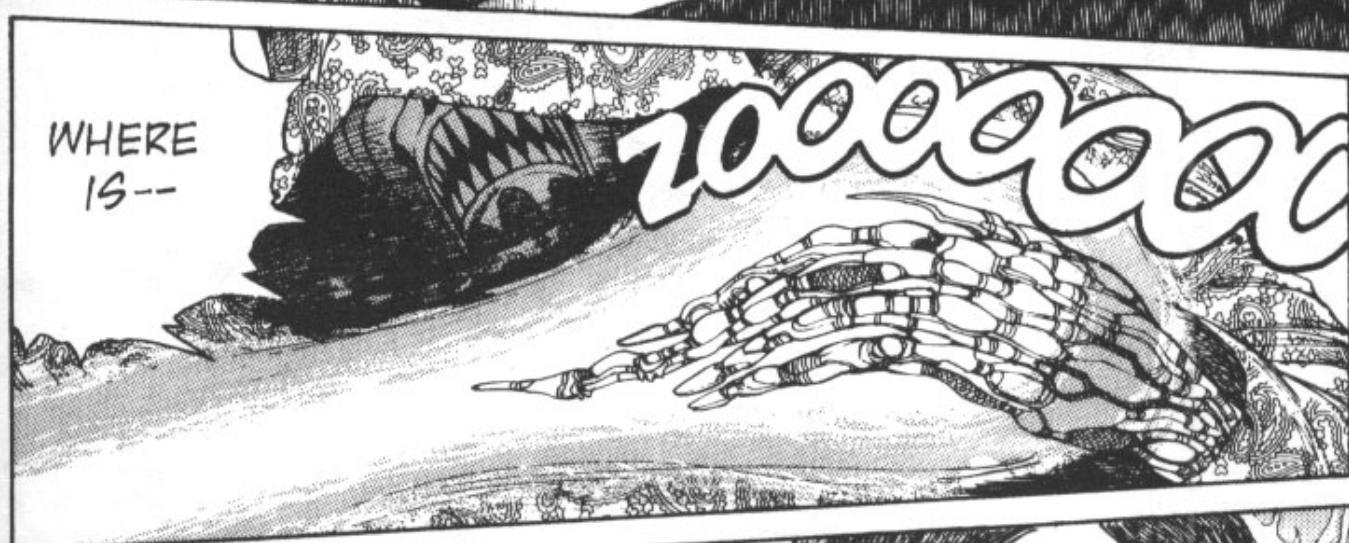
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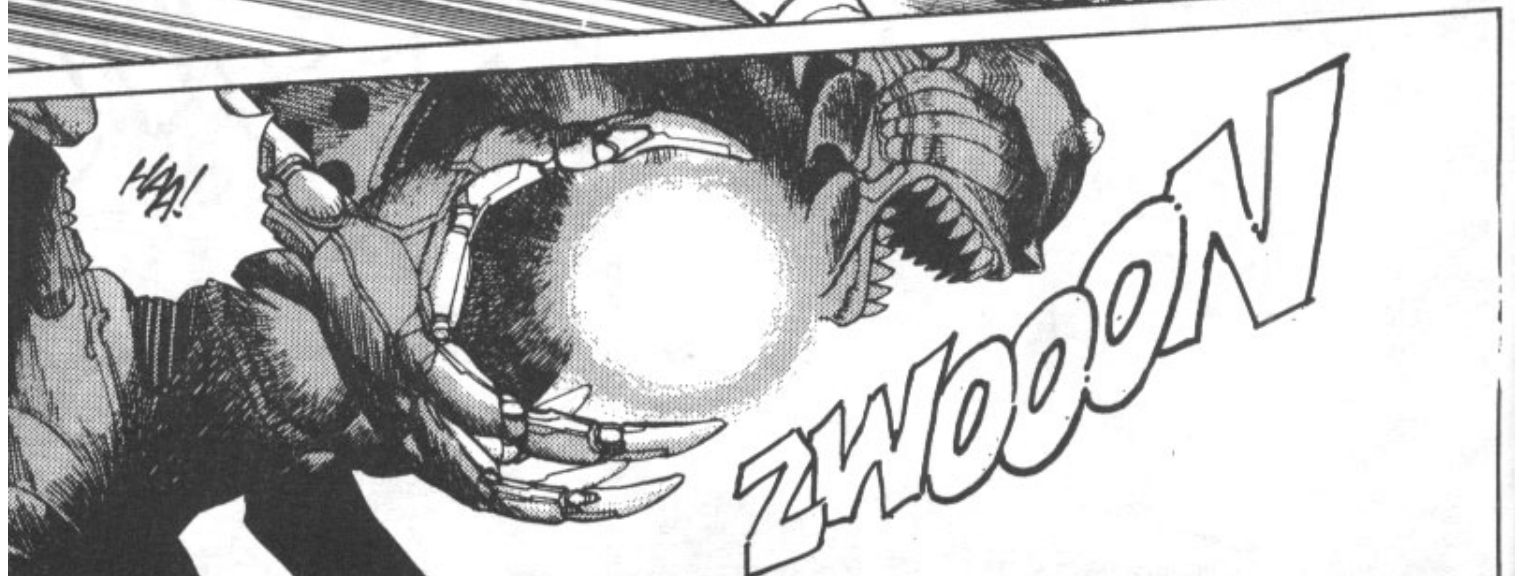


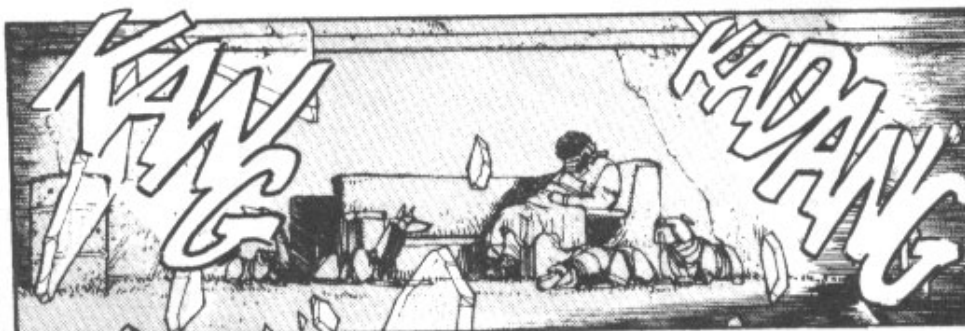


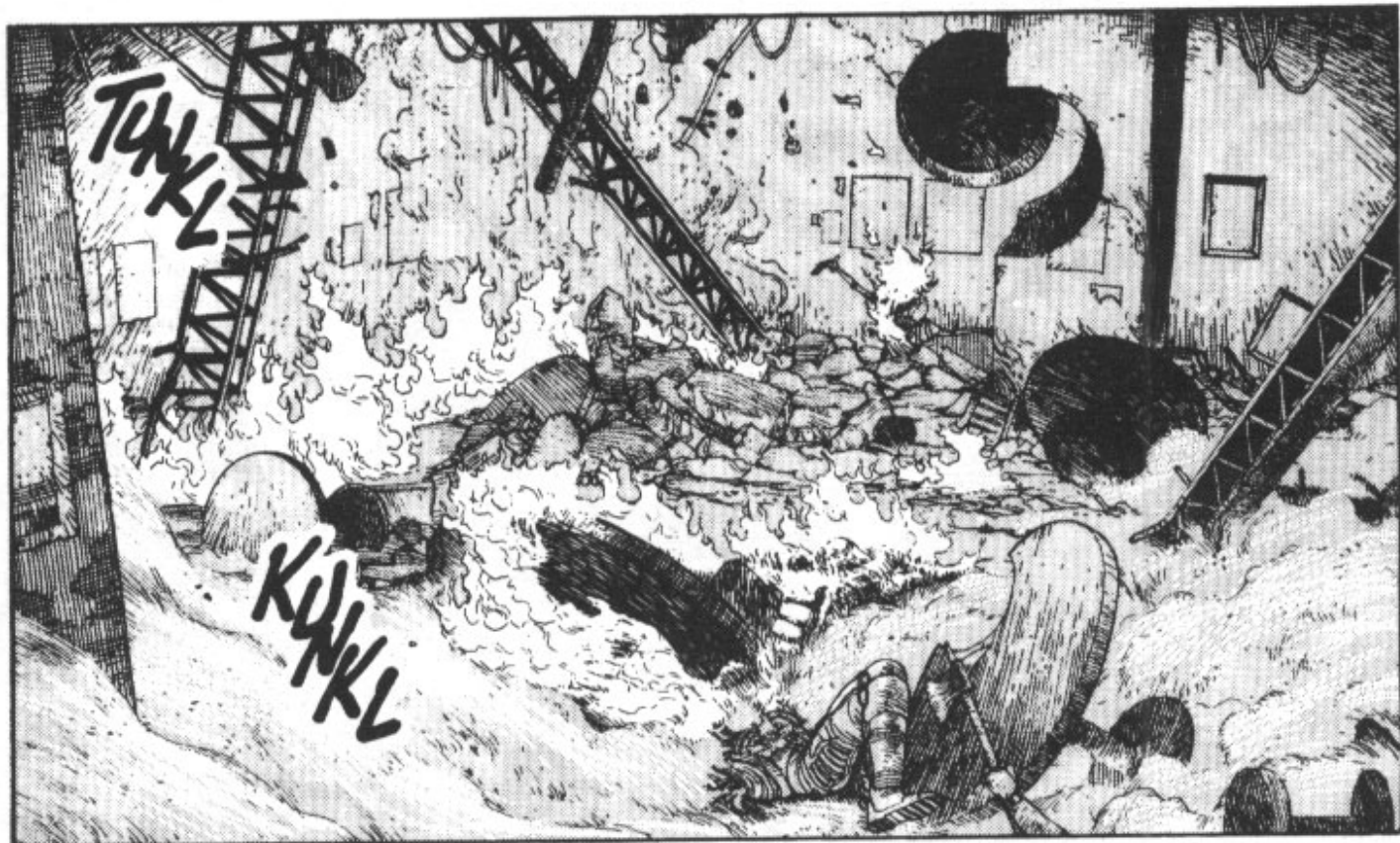
GONZU...!



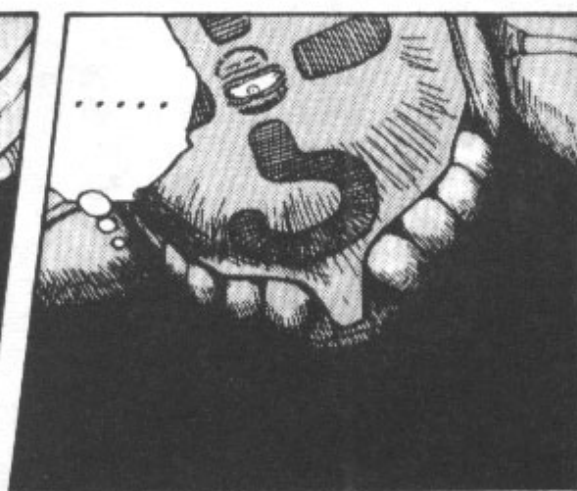
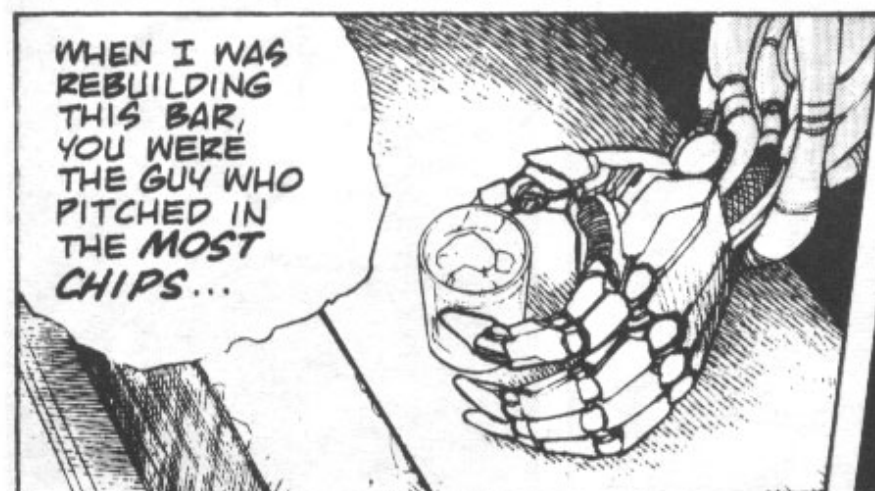
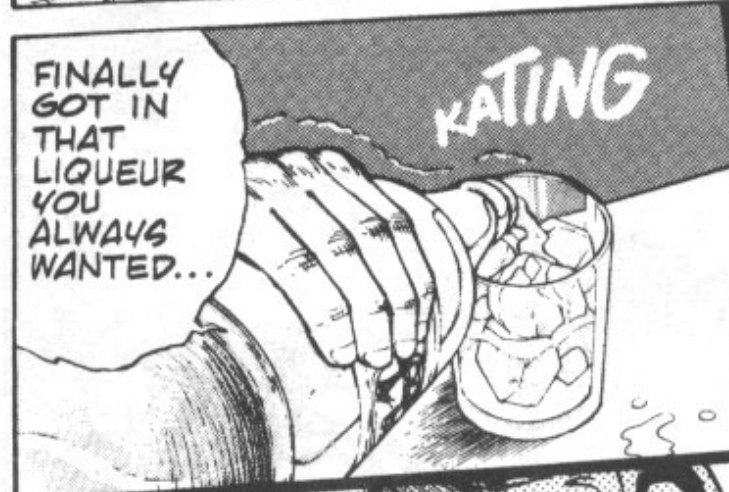
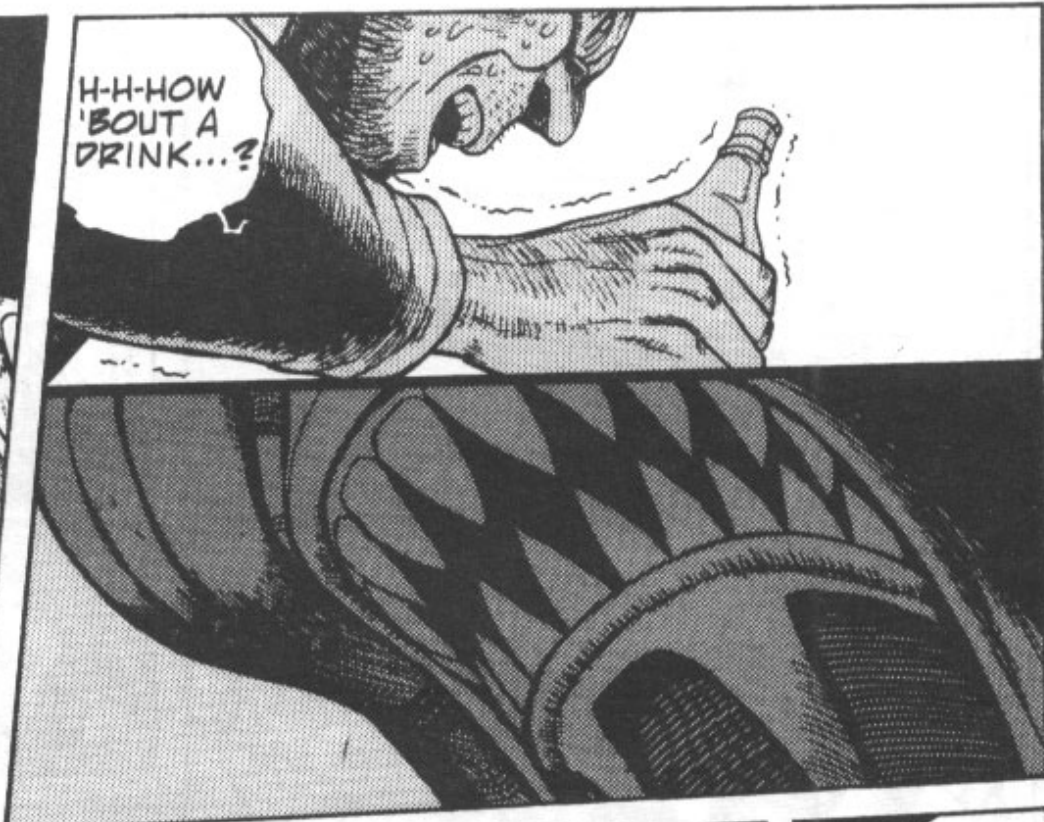






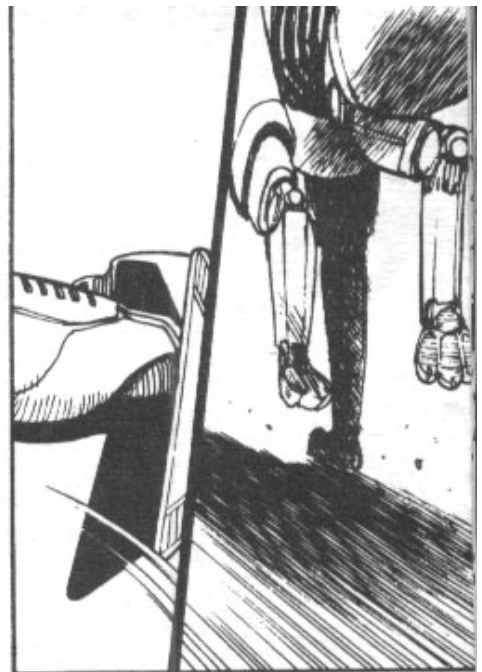


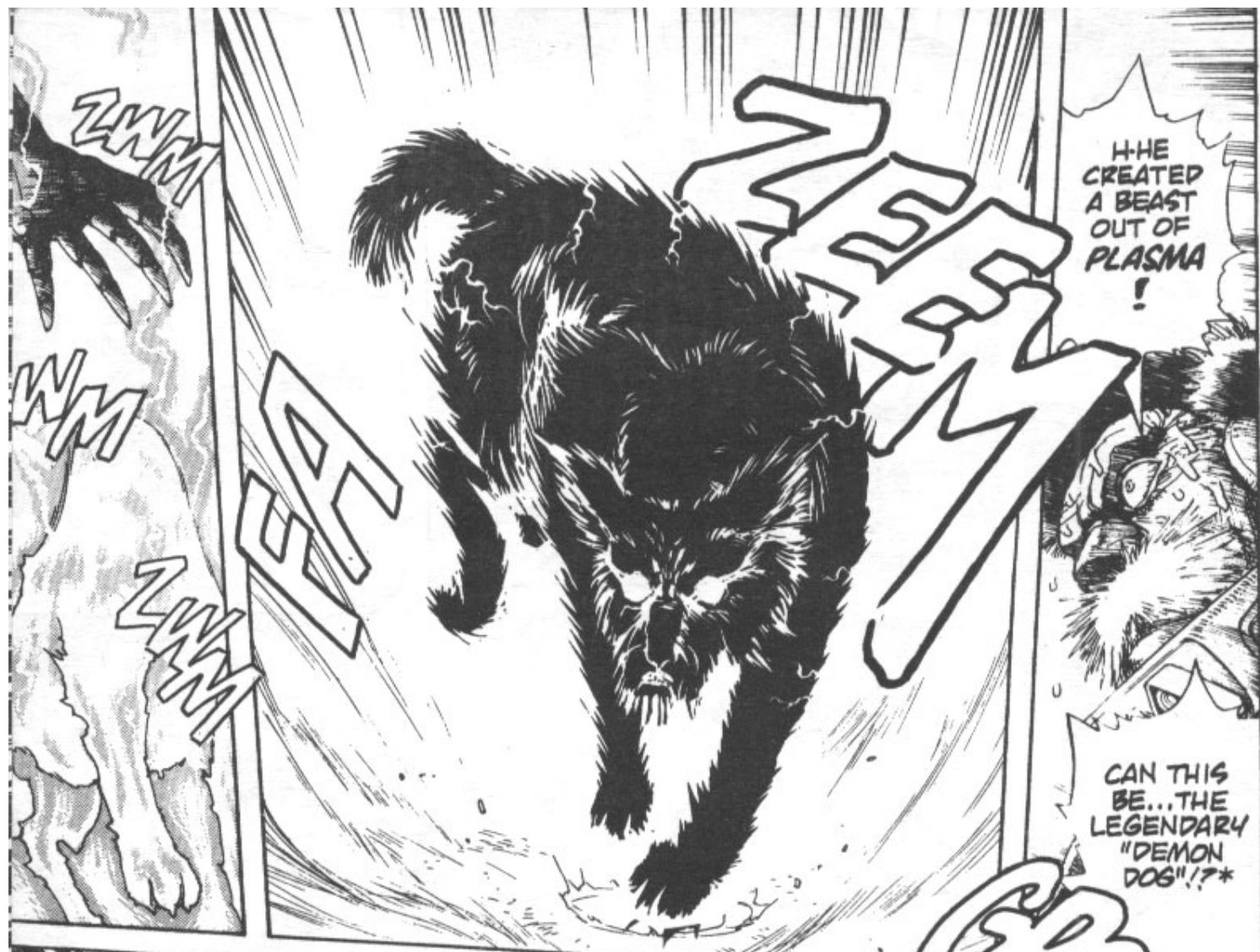












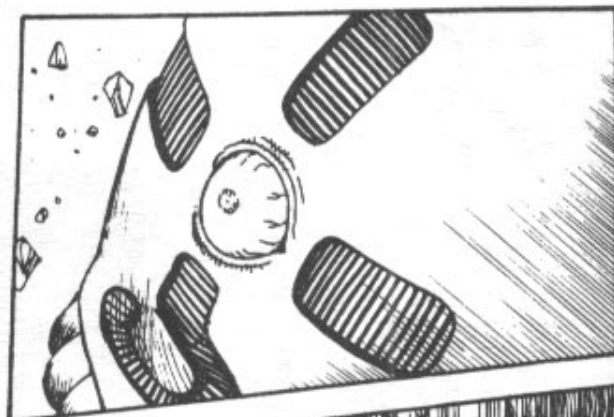
*"DEMON DOG": A SUPERNATURAL BEAST OF BRITISH LORE. IN THE NORFOLK REGION CALLED "BLACK JACK," IN IRELAND "POCKA," AND IN SOMMERSET "GUARD DOG." THEY PREY ON HUMANS, DISAPPEARING IN A THUNDERBOLT WHICH SMELLS OF SULFUR.



ZAPAN!

I WON'T
LET YOU
LIVE!

YOU! THE
ONE WHO
KILLED MY
LOVELY
SARA!



THIS
WORLD
LETS
SCUM
LIKE YOU
LIVE--

AND
KILLS
ANYONE
OF
WORTH
!

**WHY
!?**

HA...
THE SAME...
AS ME...

**WHAT
!?**



YOU
SEE
YOURSELF--
IN
ME!

WE BOTH
LOVED SARA...
AND HATED
HER! SHE MADE
US FEEL
INFERIOR-- SO
BADLY THAT WE
WANTED TO
KILL HER.



N-NO
!

I...
I AM
SARA'S
FATHER...

...IT DOESN'T
REALLY MATTER
WHO WE
HAVE TO KILL
TO GET RID
OF OUR
GUILT...

...ONE
SCAPEGOAT
CAN
SATISFY
BOTH
OUR
NEEDS.

LET'S TAKE
OUR
VENGEANCE
ON ALITA...
TOGETHER!



YOU CAN'T
FORGIVE ME
BECAUSE I
KILLED SARA?
BECAUSE I
DID WHAT
YOU MOST
WANTED
TO DO?

SILLY
MAN--WE
ARE THE
SAME,
YOU AND
I...

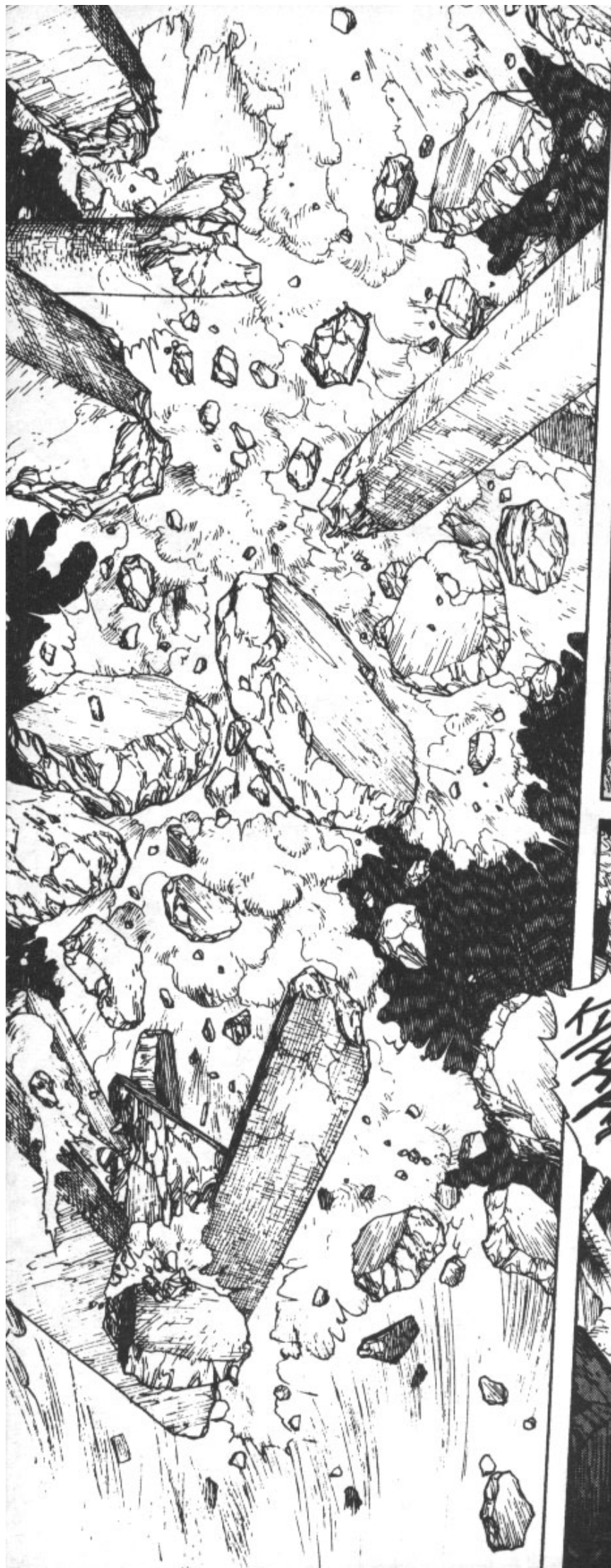


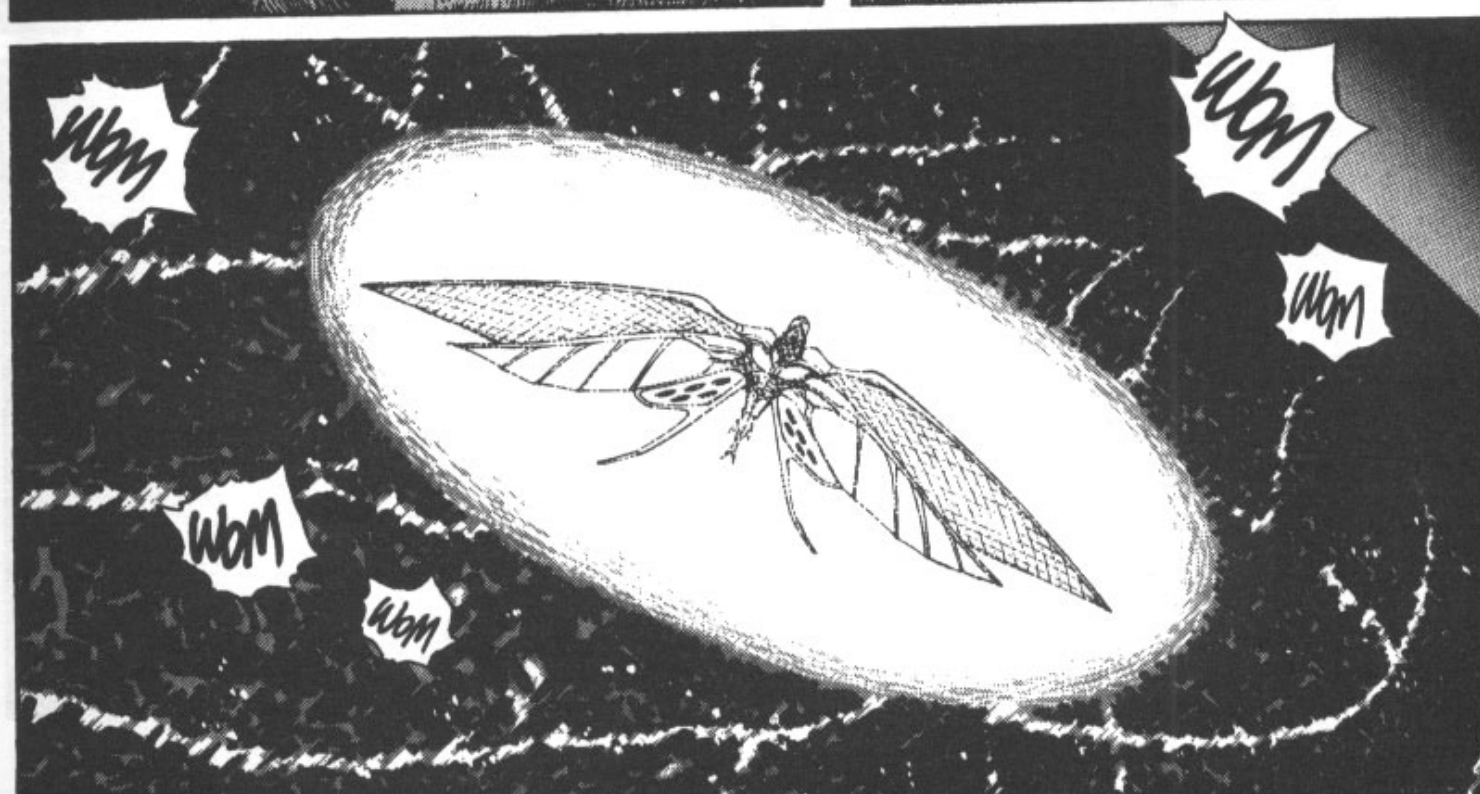
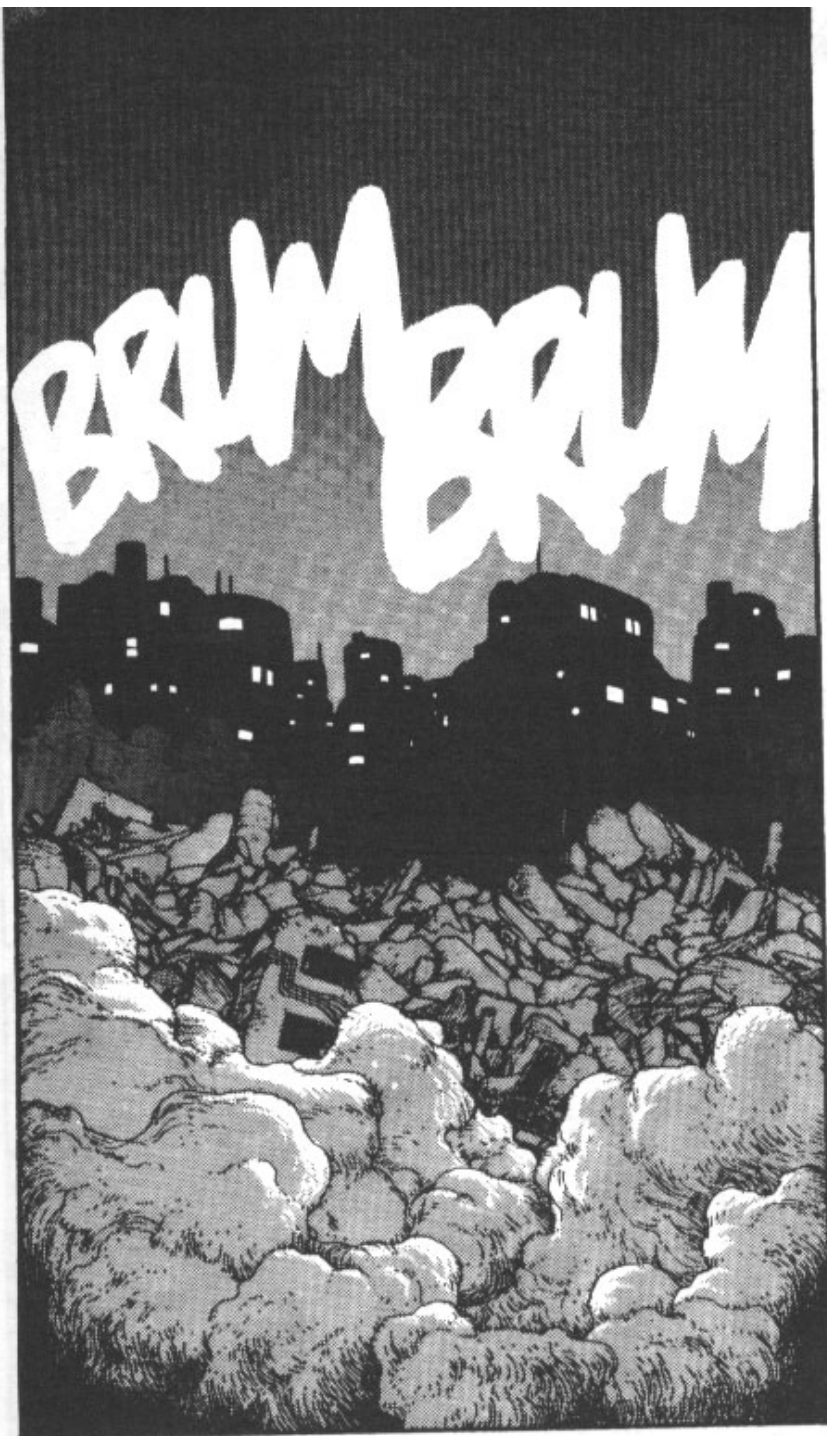
A SINGLE
SACRIFICE,
AN
OFFERING
TO THE
SPIRIT
OF SARA!

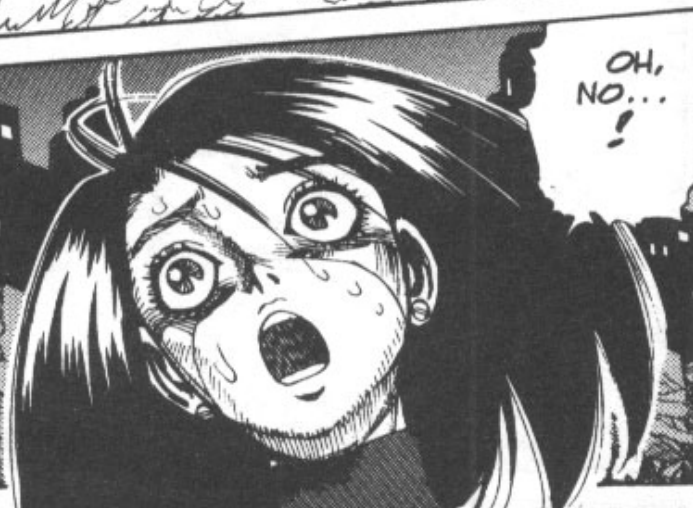
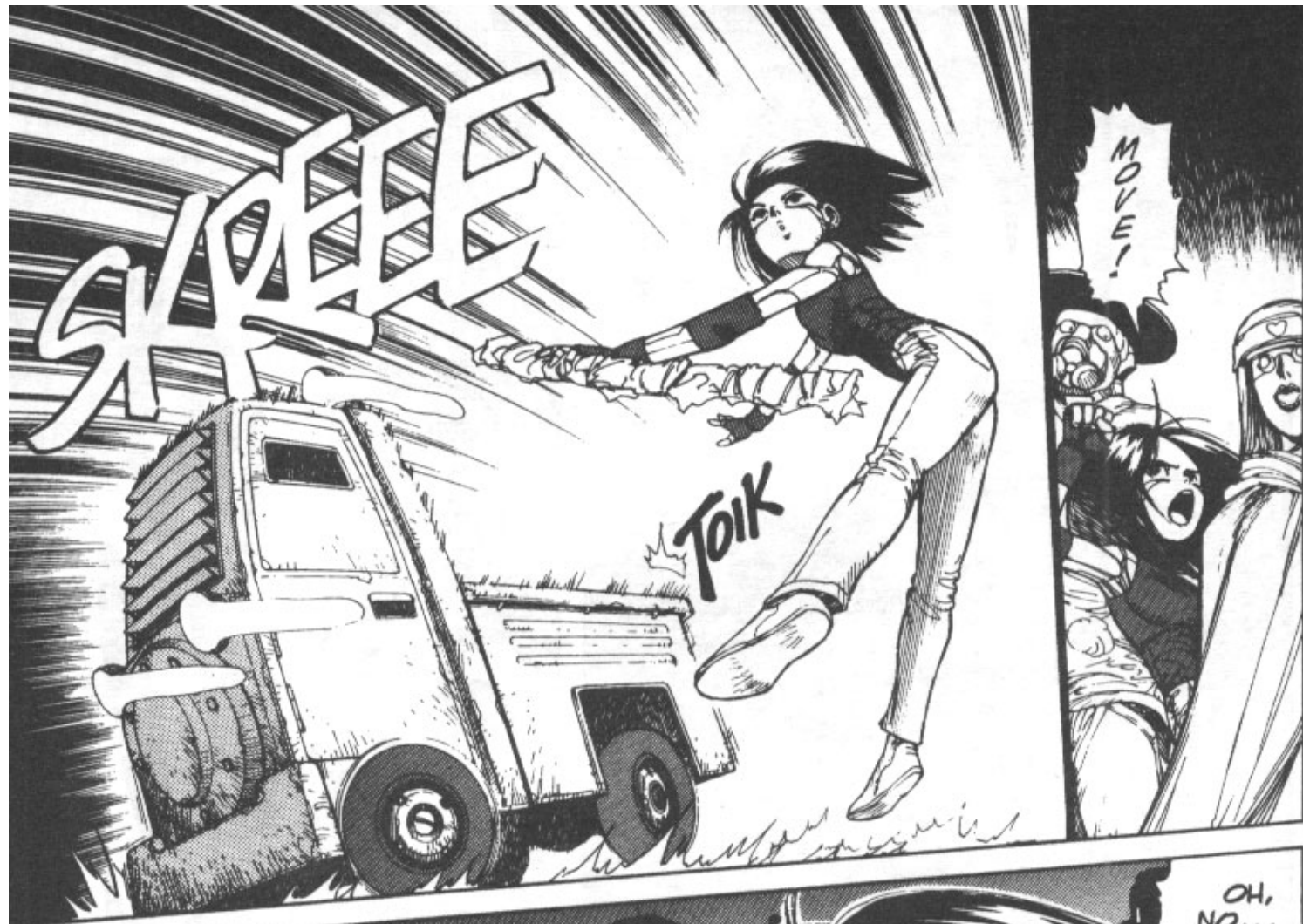


I'M
NOT
LIKE
YOU--!



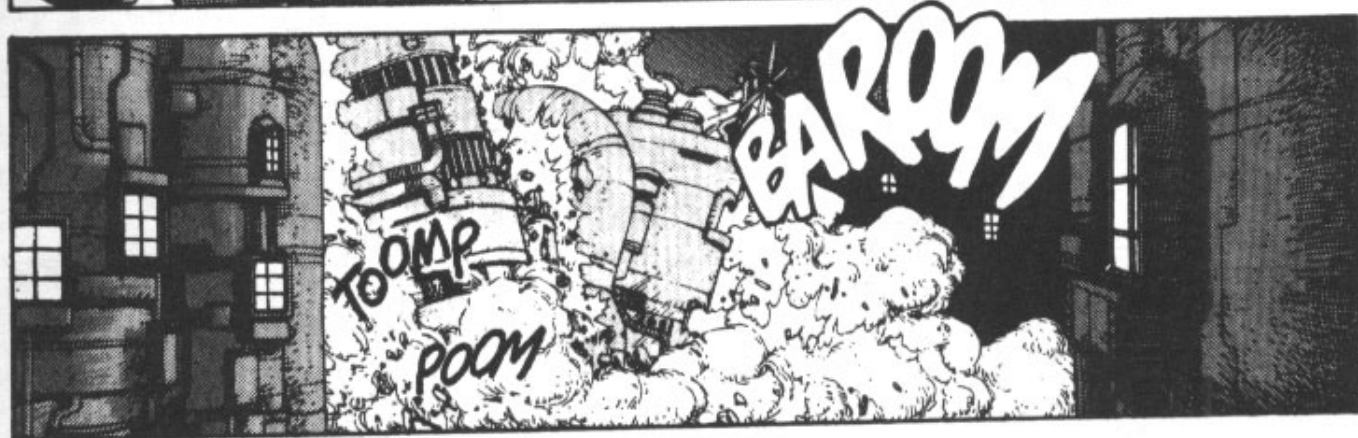
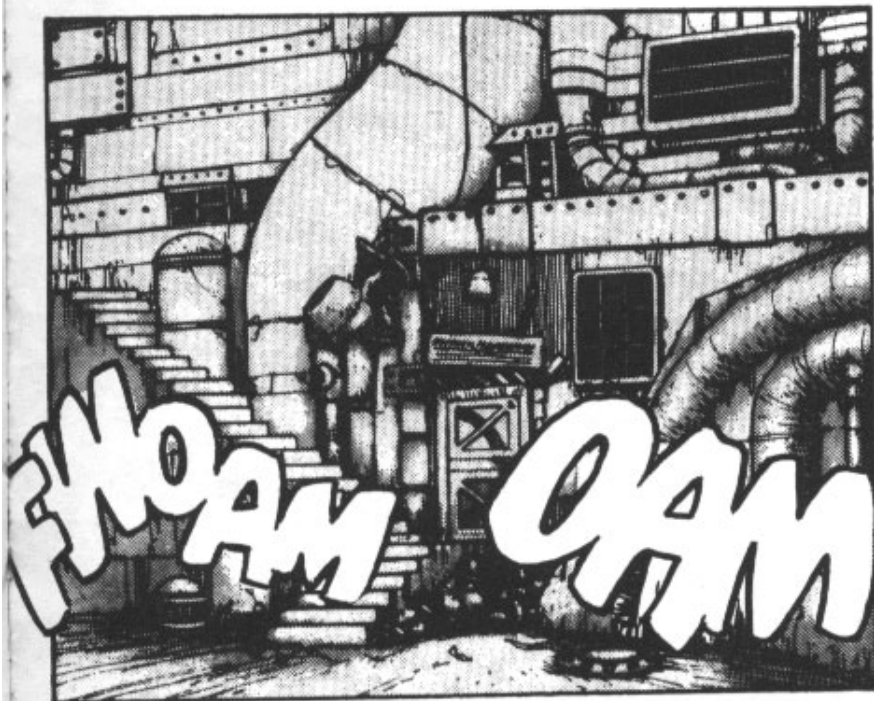










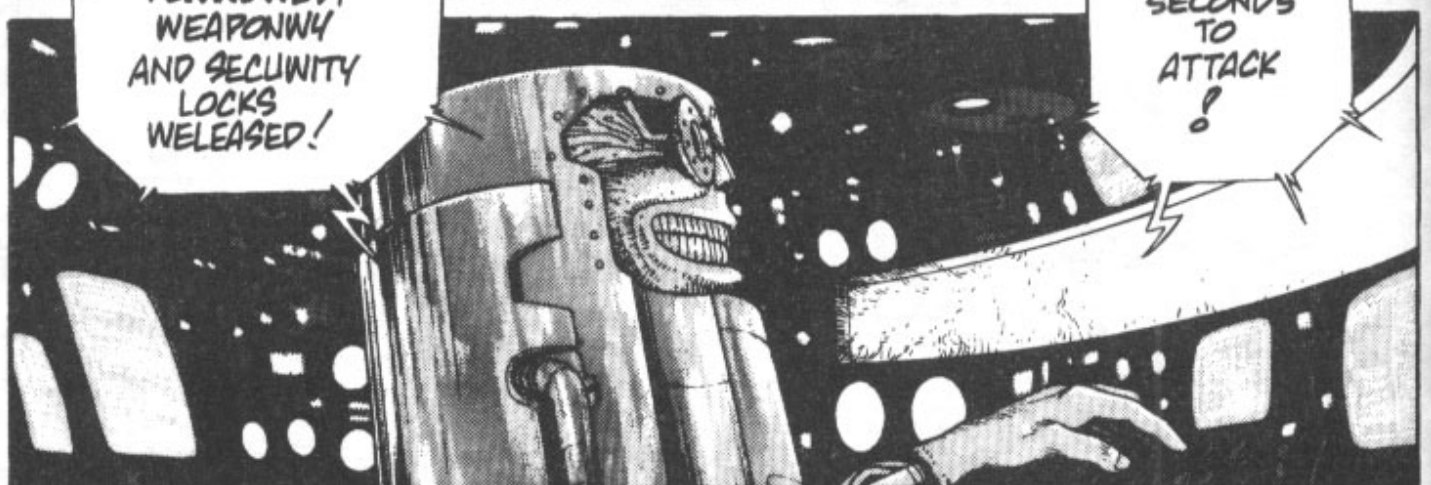
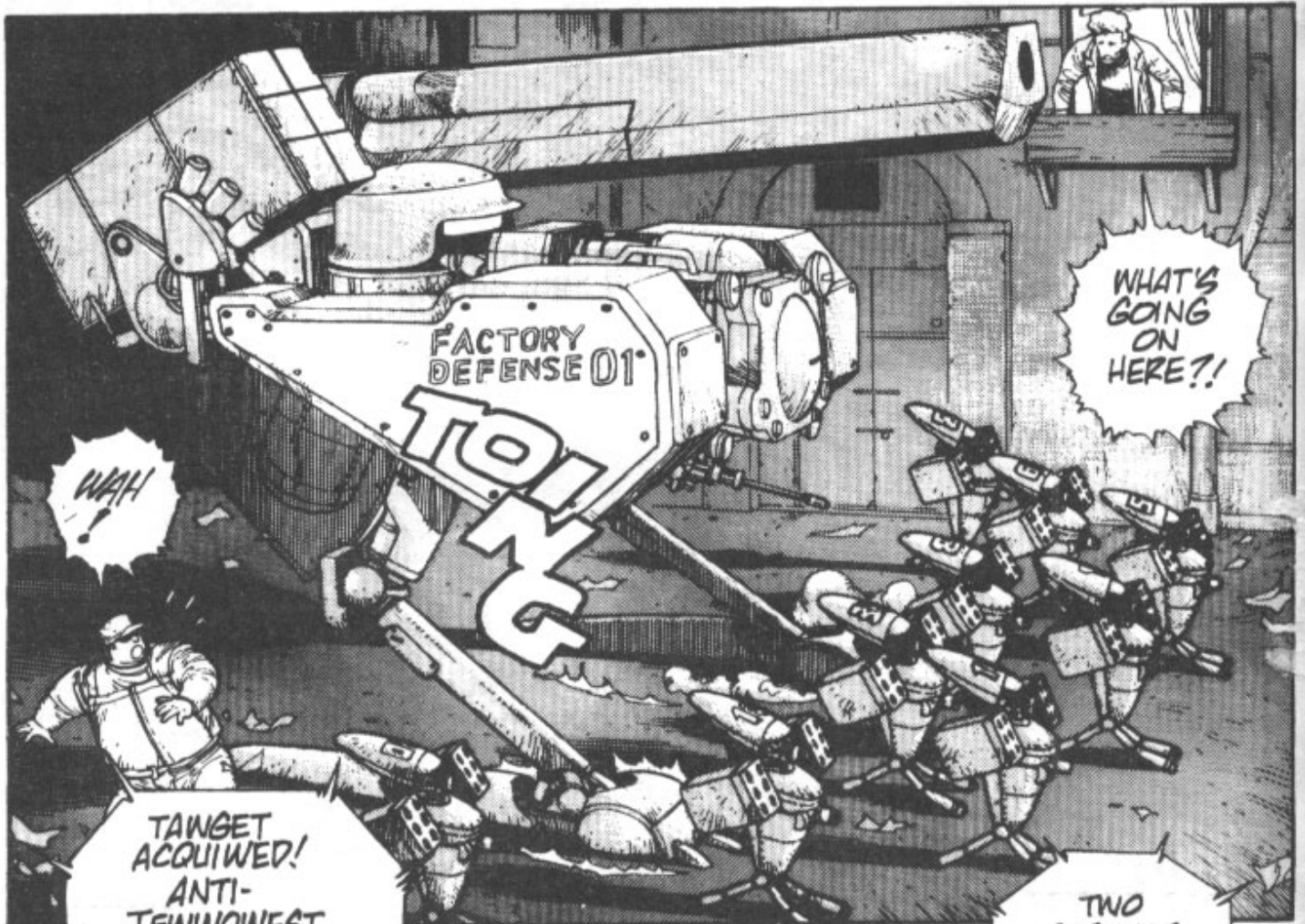


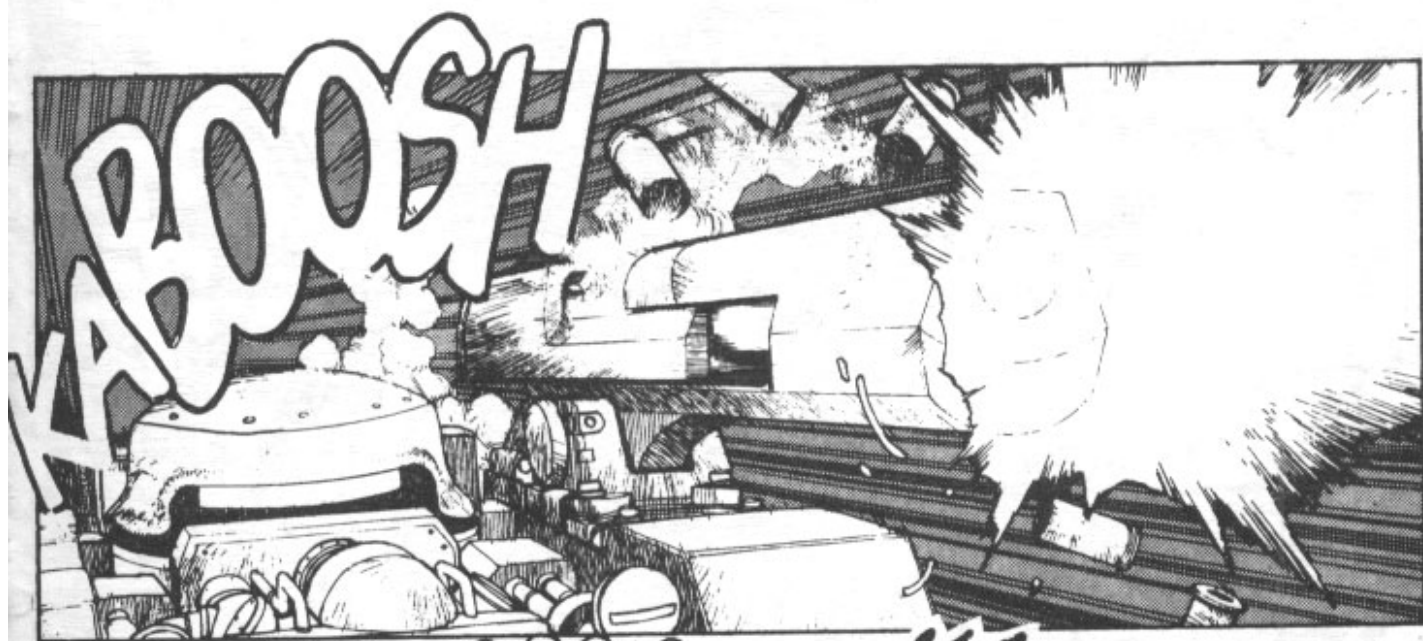


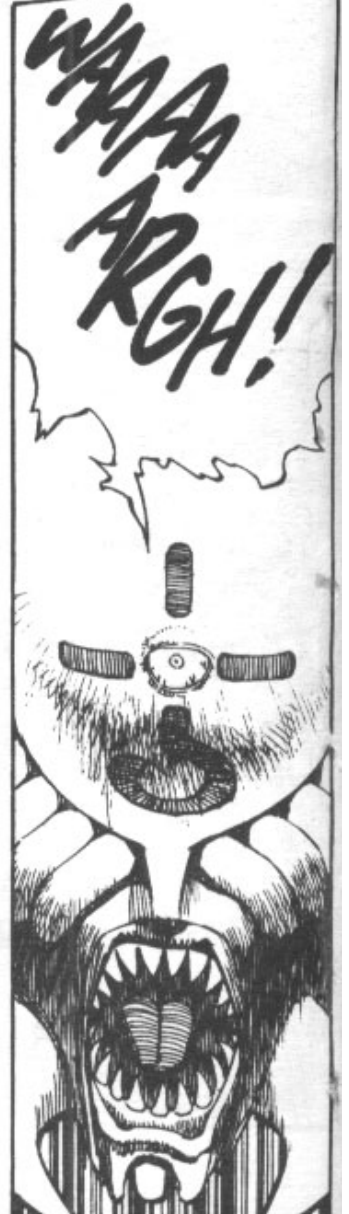
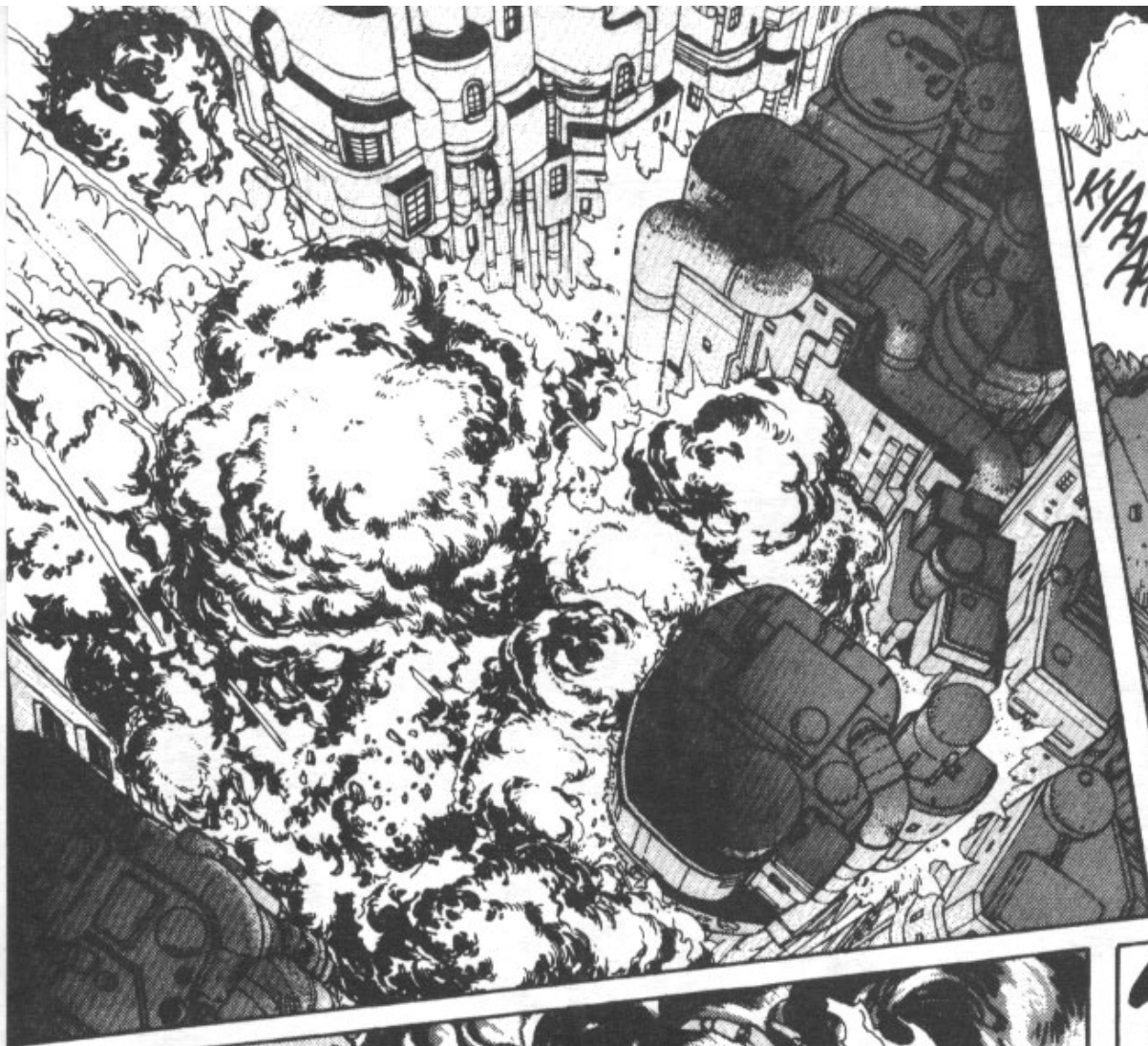
WHERE
ARE YOU,
LITTLE
ALITA!?

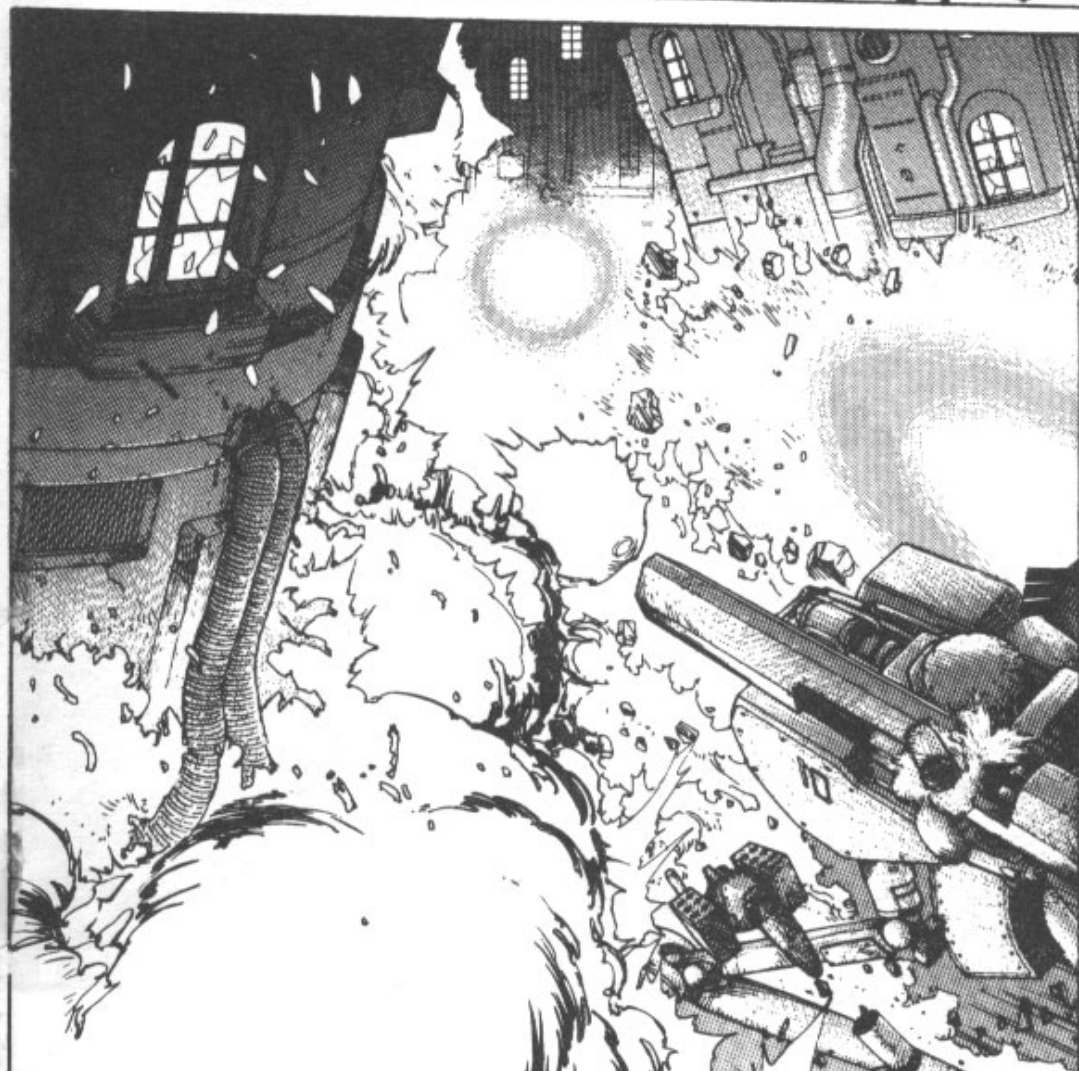
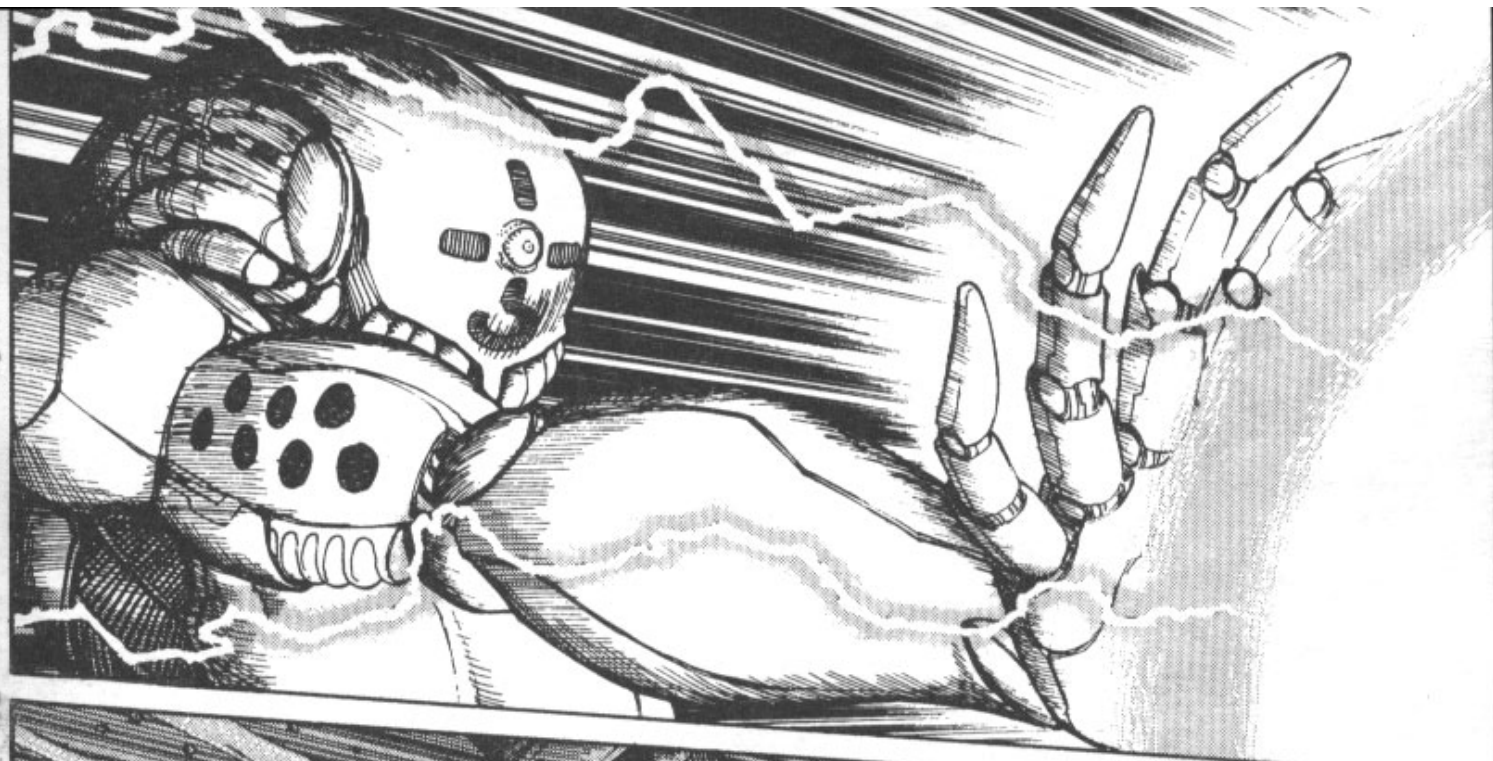
DEMON DOG

Cycle 5: Scapegoat











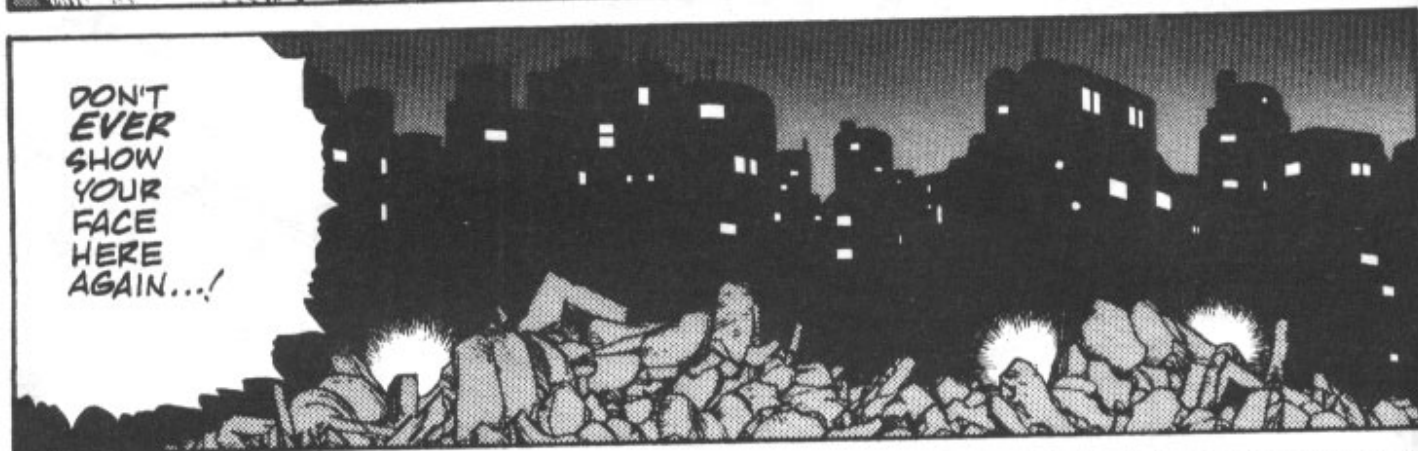


YOU'RE
NOTHING
BUT
TROUBLE!

BEFORE
YOU CAME
HERE, WE
WERE GETTING
ALONG FINE...
EVEN WITH
ZAPAN...!



B-BUT...



DON'T
EVER
SHOW
YOUR
FACE
HERE
AGAIN...!



LET'S GO...
SHUMIRA...
FURY...

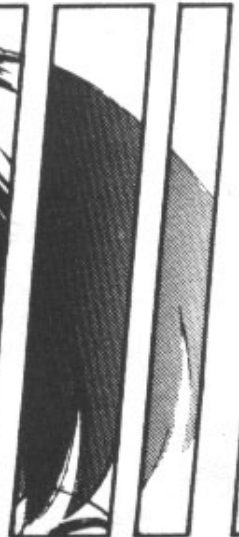
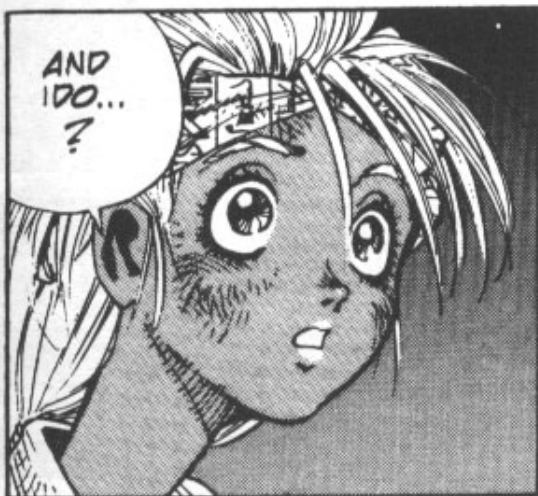
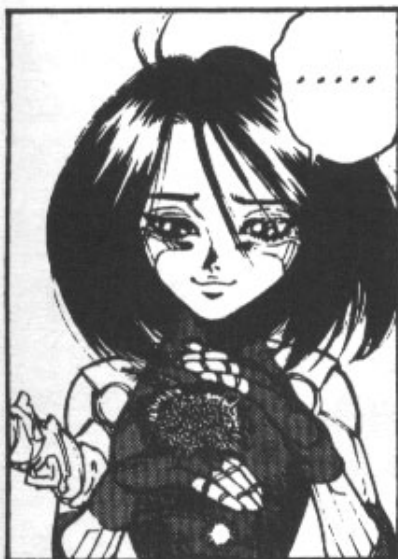
...WE
HAVE
TO START
OVER...
AGAIN.

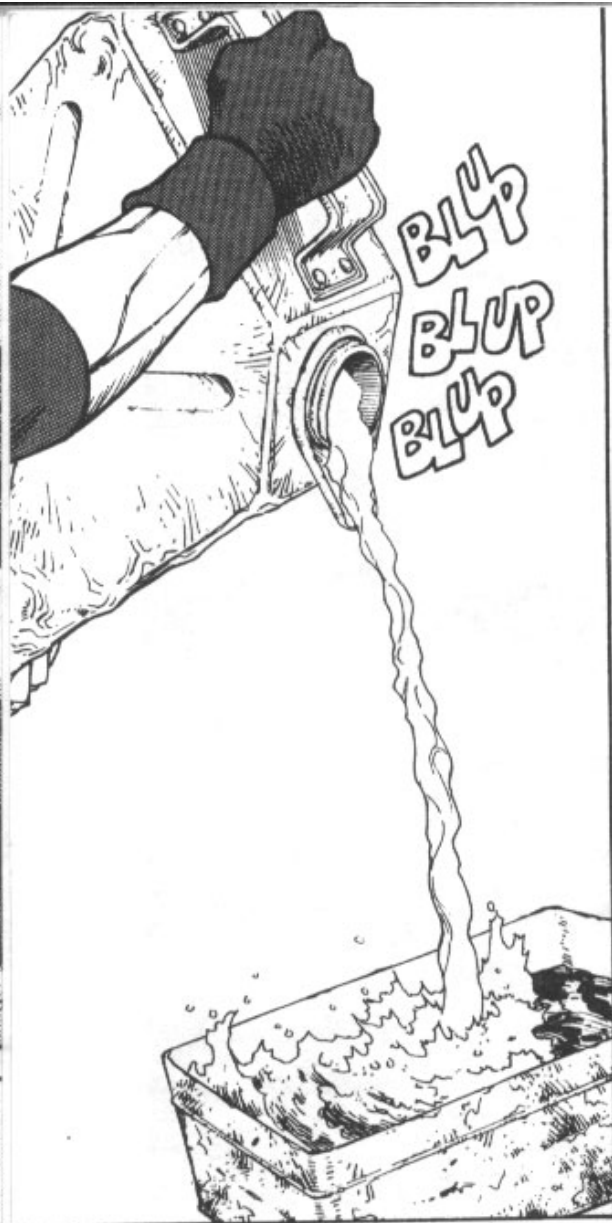


ALITA...



...HERE...





ANSWER'S
SIMPLE.

WHEN
YOU'RE
STRONGER
AND BETTER
THAN
EVERYBODY,
THEY START
TO **HATE**
YOU.



WHY
?



GEEZ,
YOU'RE
SLOW
!

DOESN'T
MATTER
WHY,
DOES
IT ?



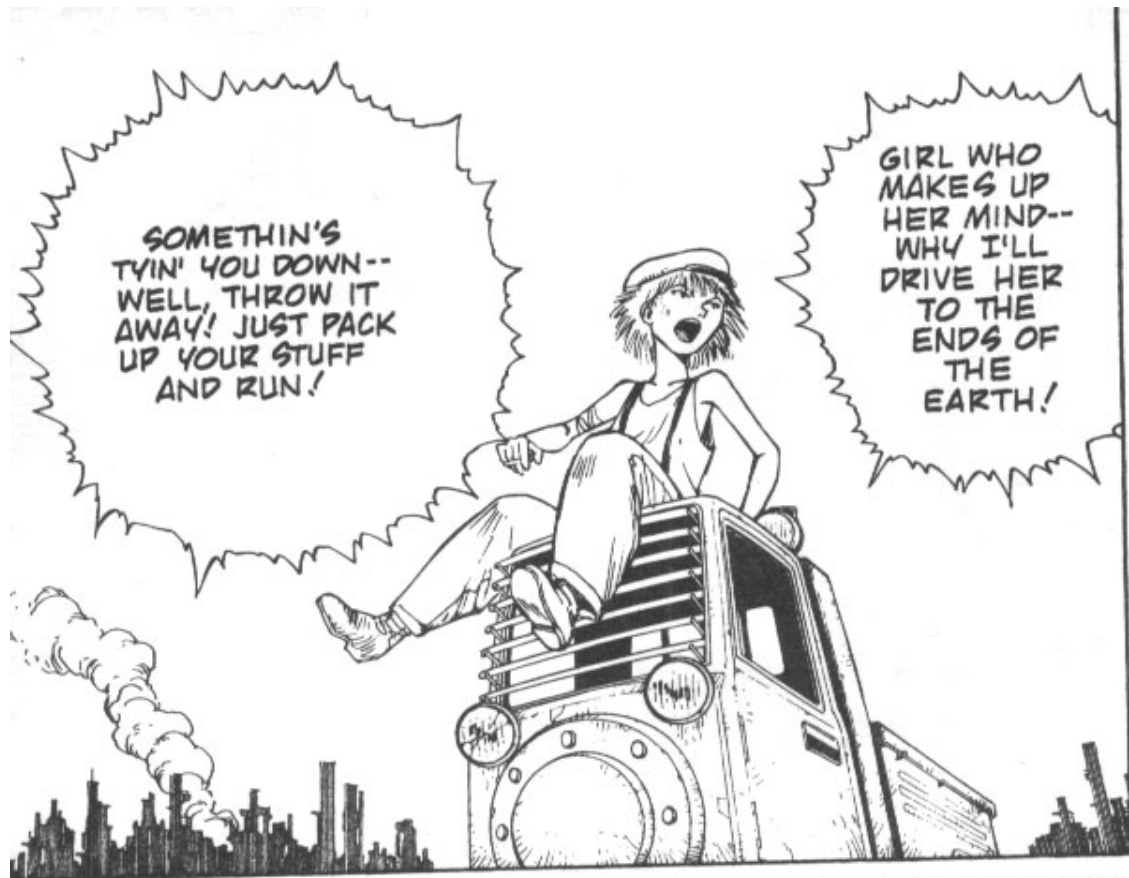
CAN'T
STAND
SEEIN'
PEOPLE
SULKING
'BOUT
THINGS
IN THE
PAST!

MAKES ME
SICK--FOLKS
PARALYZED
BY STUFF LIKE
DESTINY, GUILT,
RESPONSIBILITY!
CAN'T CHANGE IT,
CAN YOU ?



PEOPLE
NEED TO
HAVE SOME
FREEDOM
!

BAM



SOMETHIN'S
TYIN' YOU DOWN--
WELL, THROW IT
AWAY! JUST PACK
UP YOUR STUFF
AND RUN!

GIRL WHO
MAKES UP
HER MIND--
WHY I'LL
DRIVE HER
TO THE
ENDS OF
THE
EARTH!

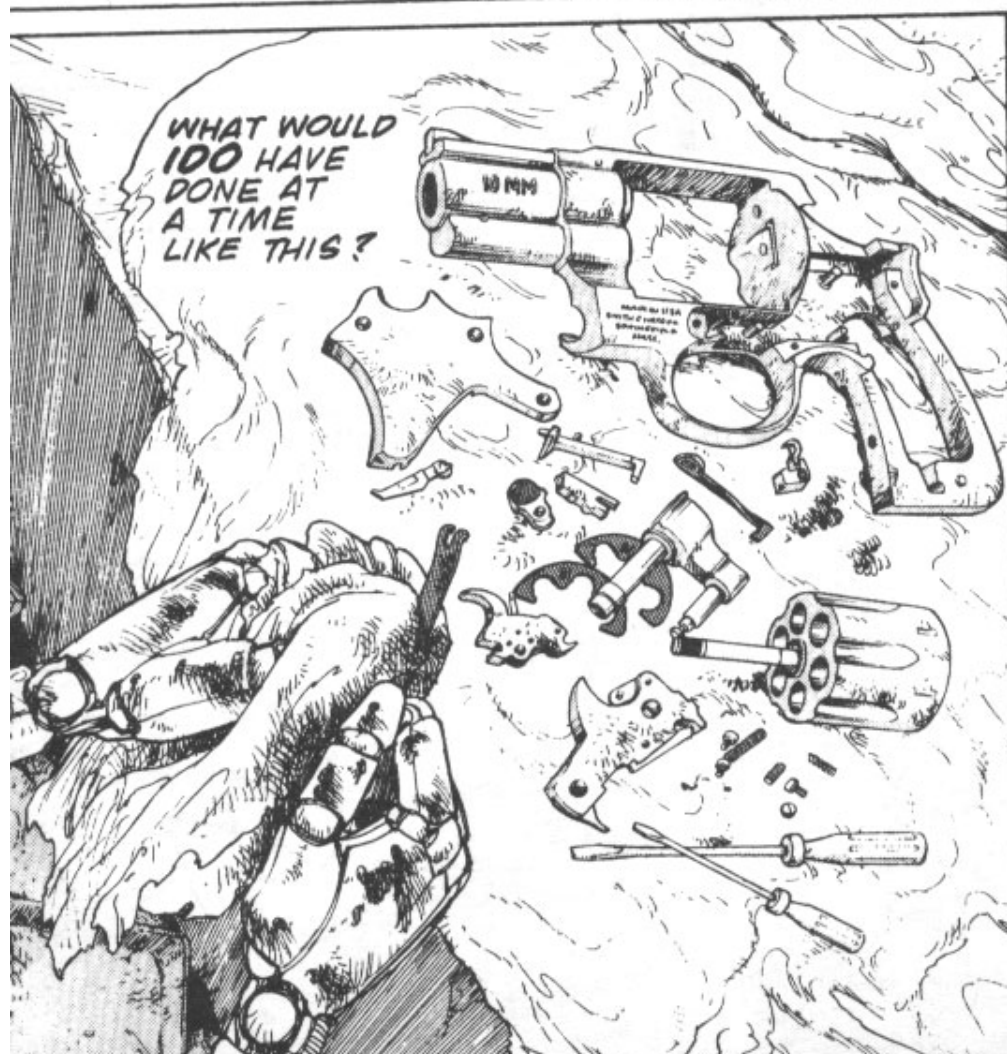


JUST FIND
A NEW TOWN,
GET A NEW JOB,
AND LIVE A NEW
LIFE--WITH A
NEW MAN!

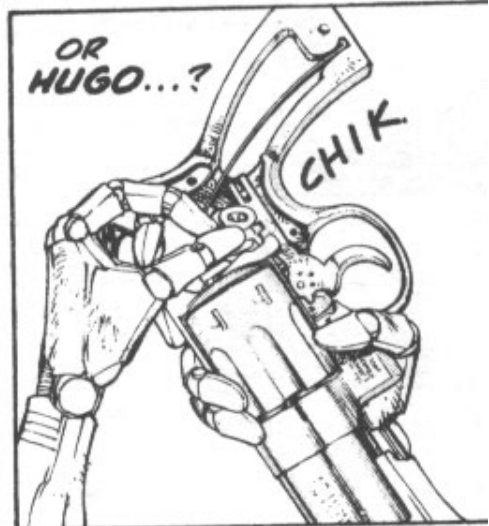


.....

YOU--
YOU
MIGHT
BE
RIGHT...

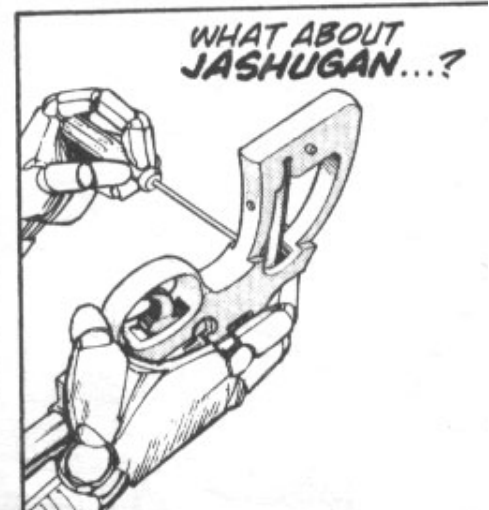


WHAT WOULD
100 HAVE
DONE AT
A TIME
LIKE THIS?

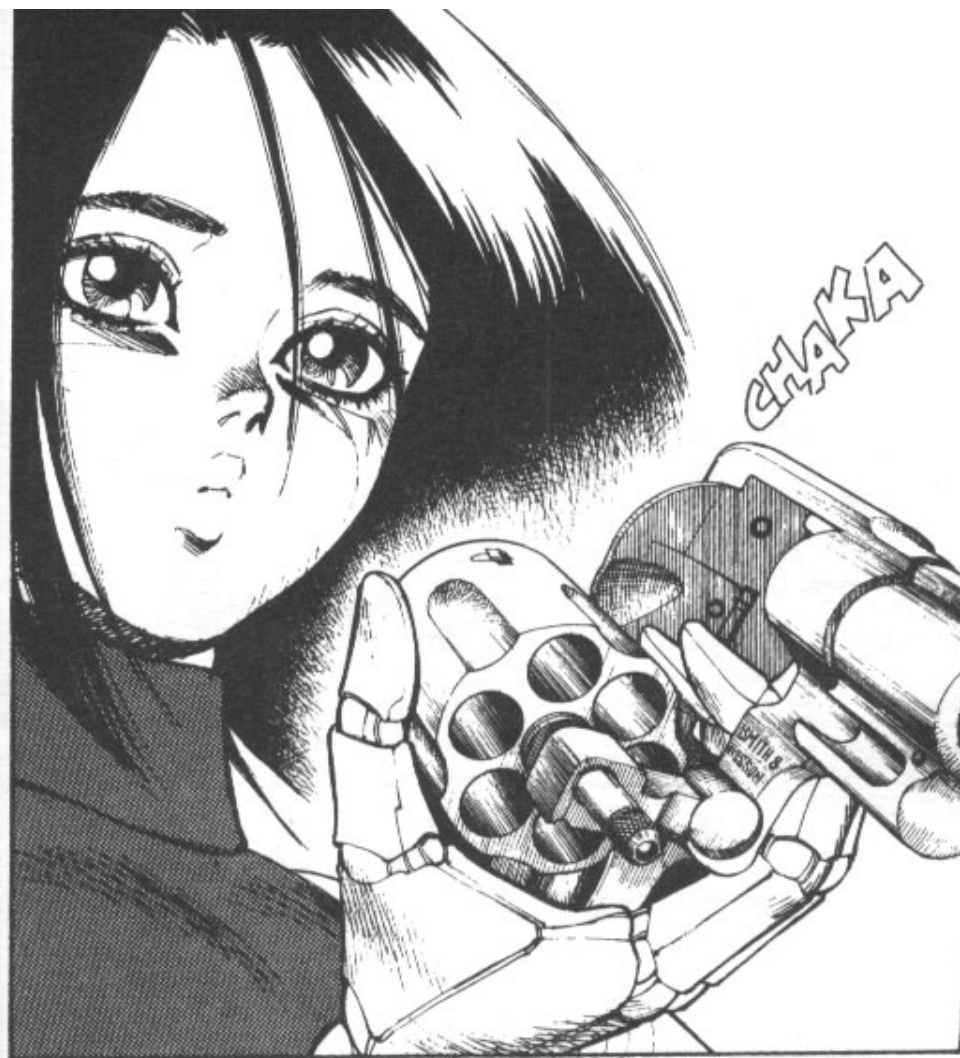


OR
HUGO...?

CHIK



WHAT ABOUT
JASHUGAN...?



HEY,
GUNS
ARE
ILLEGAL.
HOW'D
YOU-?

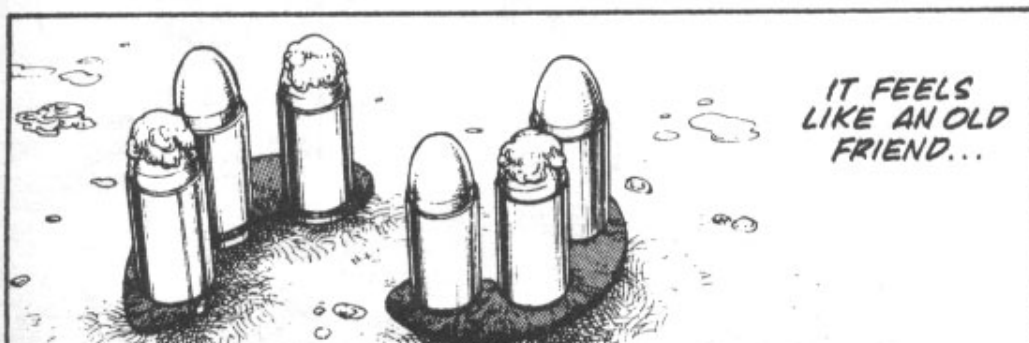
A MAN
GAVE IT TO
ME--AS A
BIRTHDAY
PRESENT.
I DIDN'T
LIKE HIM
MUCH
BUT...



YOU'LL NEED
TO TIP THESE
BULLETS WITH
"COLLAPSER"--
THEN SHOOT
THEM DEEP
INTO THE
BERSERKER
BODY...



ALMOST
AS IF THIS
ISN'T THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE HAD
A GUN.

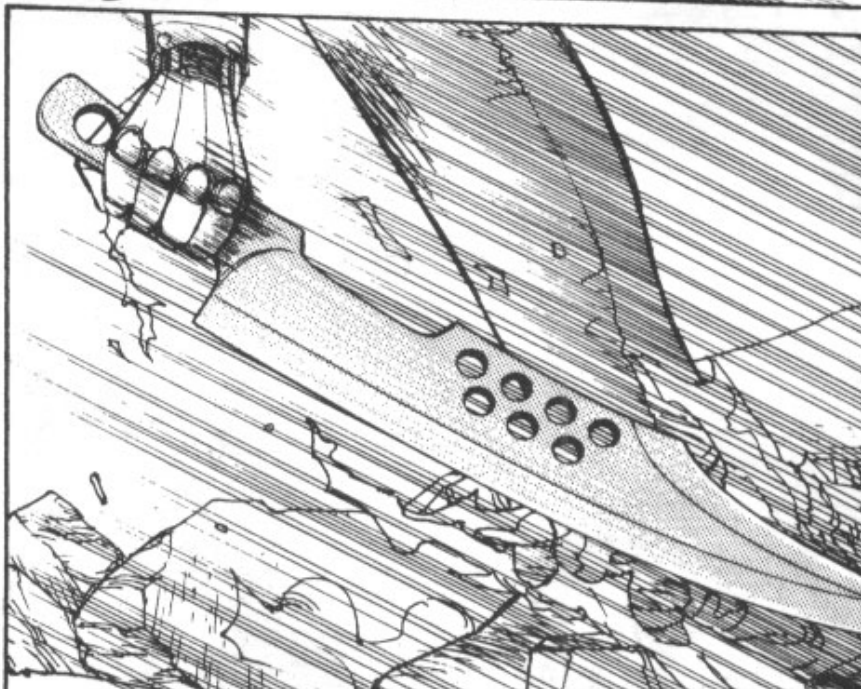


IT FEELS
LIKE AN OLD
FRIEND...



YOU
PLAN TO
TAKE ON
THAT
MONSTER
!?







THE FACTORY'S
FORCES HAVE
BEEN OBLIT-
ERATED... THE
ONLY THING THAT
CAN ASSUAGE
THAT DEMON'S
ANGER...

...IS FOR
YOU TO
SACRIFICE
YOURSELF
TO HIM
!



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FORCES HAVE
BEEN OBLIT-
ERATED... THE
ONLY THING THAT
CAN ASSUAGE
THAT DEMON'S
ANGER...

...IS FOR
YOU TO
SACRIFICE
YOURSELF
TO HIM
!





AT THIS
RATE, THE
WHOLE
SCRAPYARD
WILL
BECOME A
BURNED OUT
WASTELAND
!

THAT
MONSTER--
IT'S NEAR
MY
HOME!



IF YOU
SACRIFICE
YOURSELF,
THE WHOLE
SCRAPYARD
CAN BE
SAVED!



YOU'RE
ALL
ASKING
ME...TO
DIE FOR
YOU...?



WHO
D'THEY
THINK
THEY
ARE!?



PLEASE
!

FMP

FMP



IS THE
HUMAN
HEART SO
SELFISH?

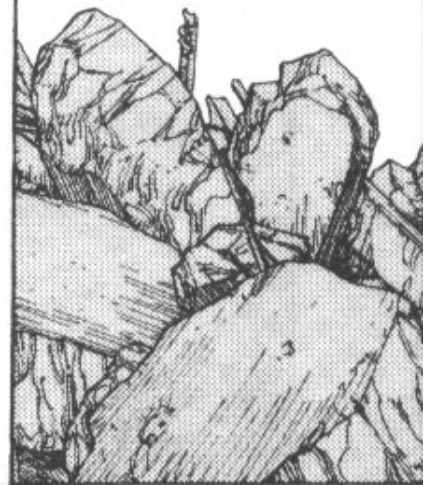


WHY DON'T
THEY
TRY TO
CONQUER
THEIR OWN
WEAKNESS--
AND
FIGHT?

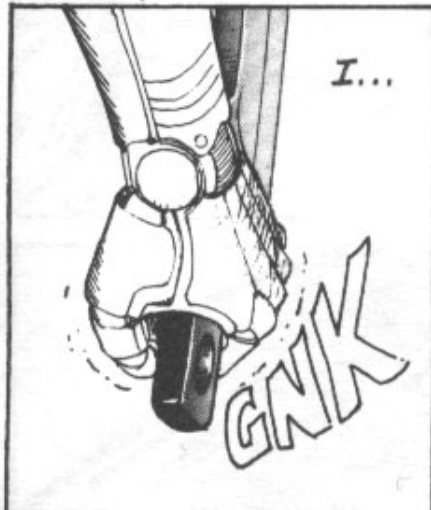


IT'S LIKE
THEY FIND
COMFORT...
IN
PASSIVITY...

THEY--THEY'D
RATHER WATCH
ANOTHER
DIE IN THEIR
PLACE!



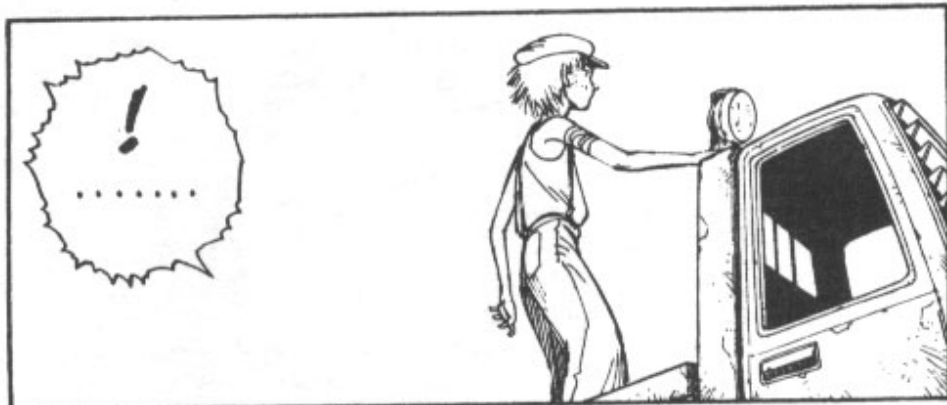
I...



TO HELL
WID 'EM
ALL!



ALITA!



THE GOAT SHALL CARRY ON ITSELF ALL THEIR
SINS TO A SOLITARY PLACE...

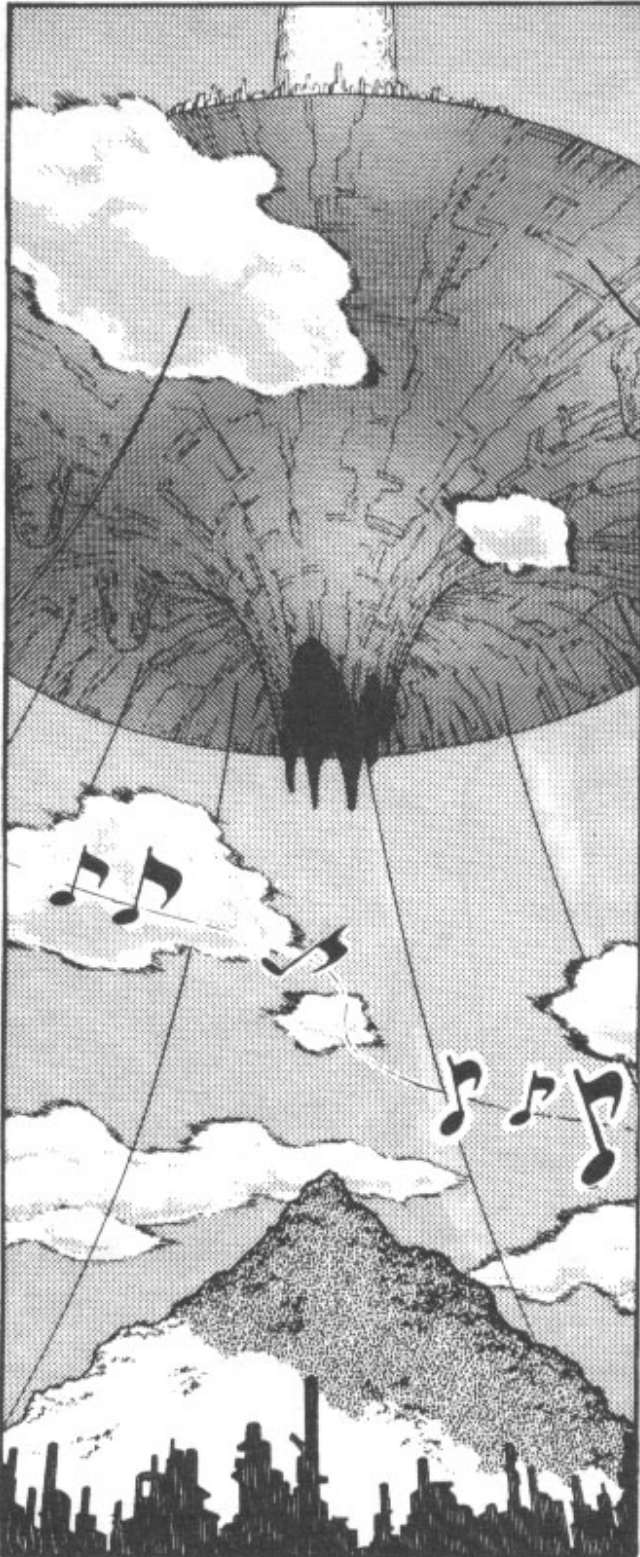
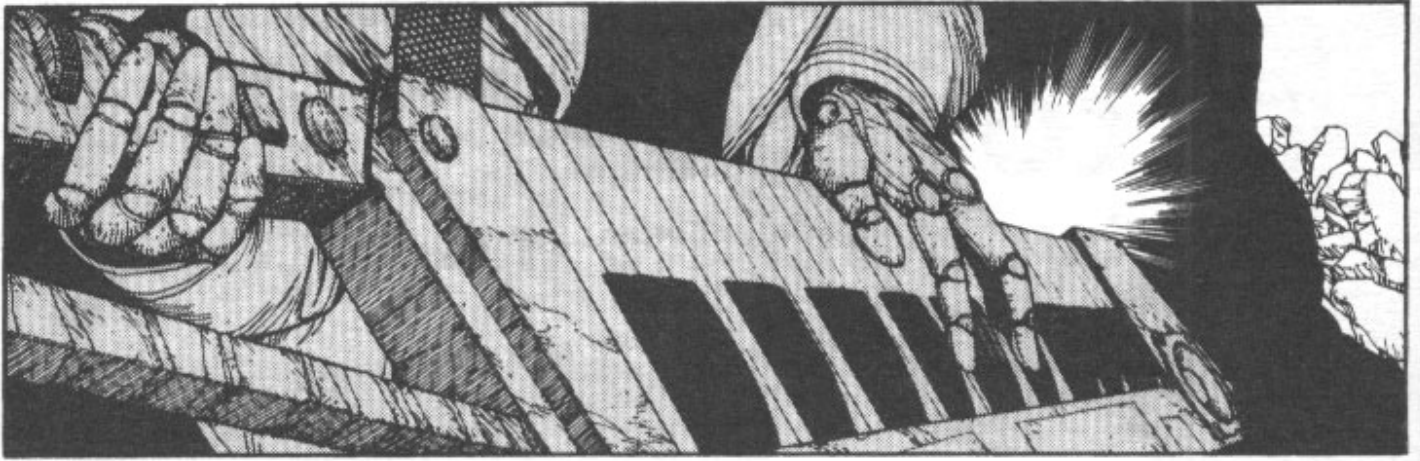
-LEVITICUS 16:22



COLLISION

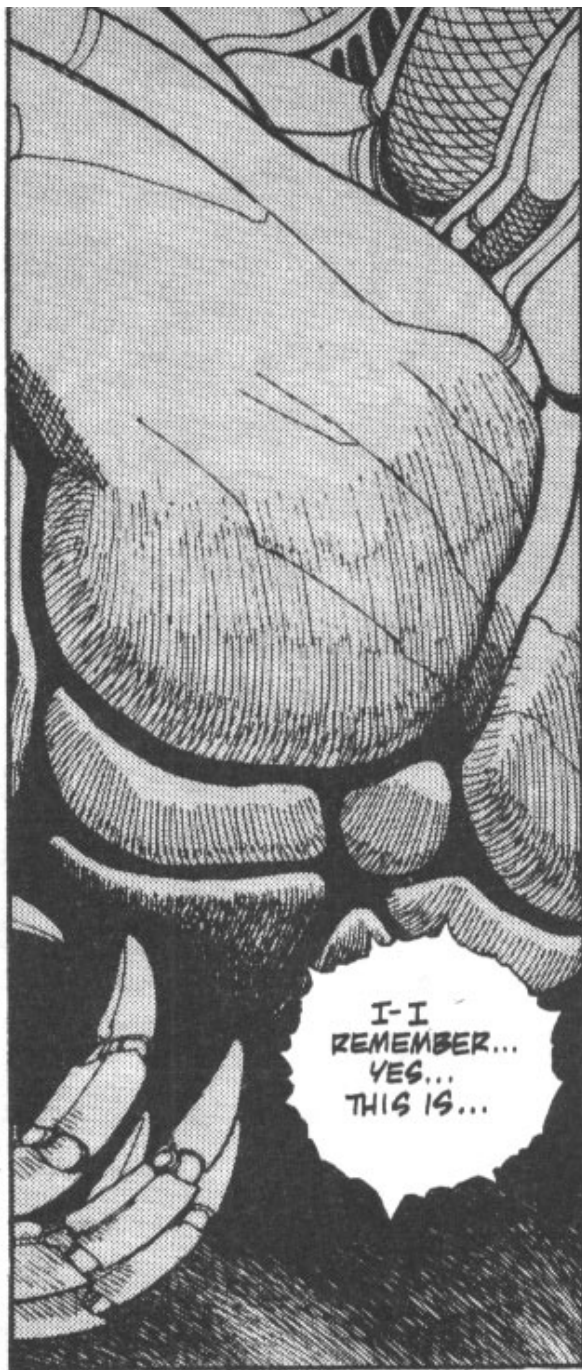
Cycle 6: Face the Facts







TH-THIS
SONG....!



I-I
REMEMBER...
YES...
THIS IS...



ALITA!



HA

HA

KR
ESH

ALITA IS...
CALLING
ME!



THE-
THE
SAME
SONG...!

UNTIL
I STOP
PLAYING
THIS
SONG...



...YOU
CAN DO
WHAT YOU
WILL WITH
ME.



...MY EYES
CONFRONTED
WHAT I
DARED NOT
CONTEMPLATE--
MYSELF! AS
IF BEFORE A
MIRROR!

WHEN
I MOVED
UP TO
HER
DEFENSELESS
BACK...



THERE I
STOOD, A
MONSTER
FILLED WITH
COWARDICE,
JEALOUSY,
AND HATRED.
AND I WAS
SCARED!

THE NEXT
THING TO
PIERCE
MY HEART
WAS THAT
MELODY...

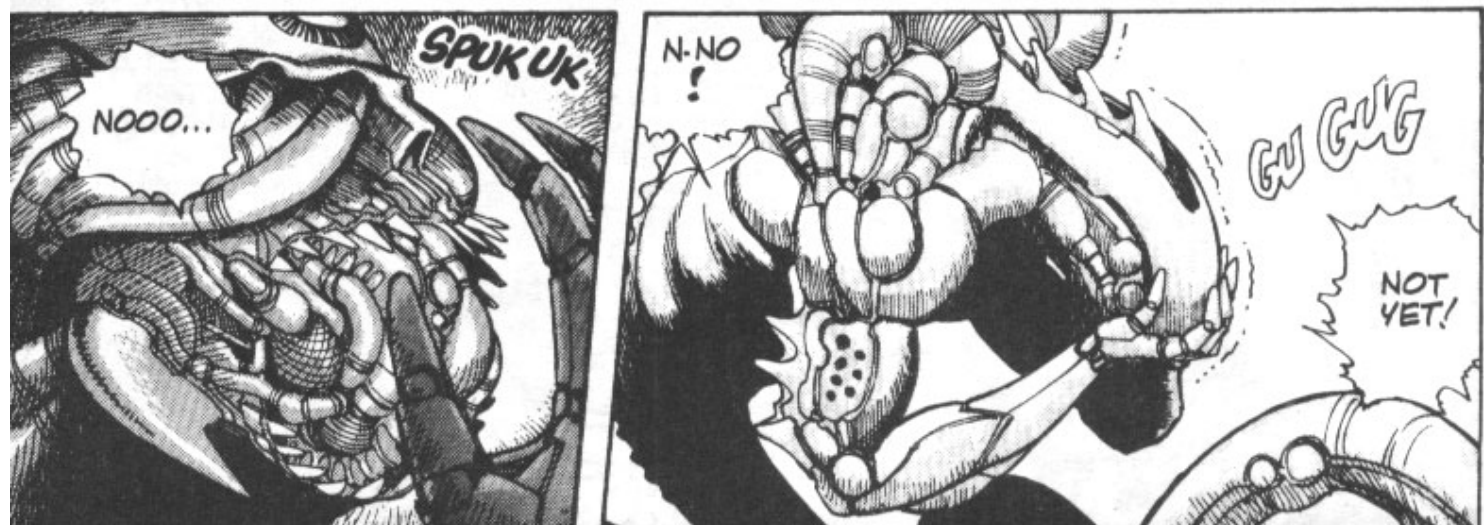
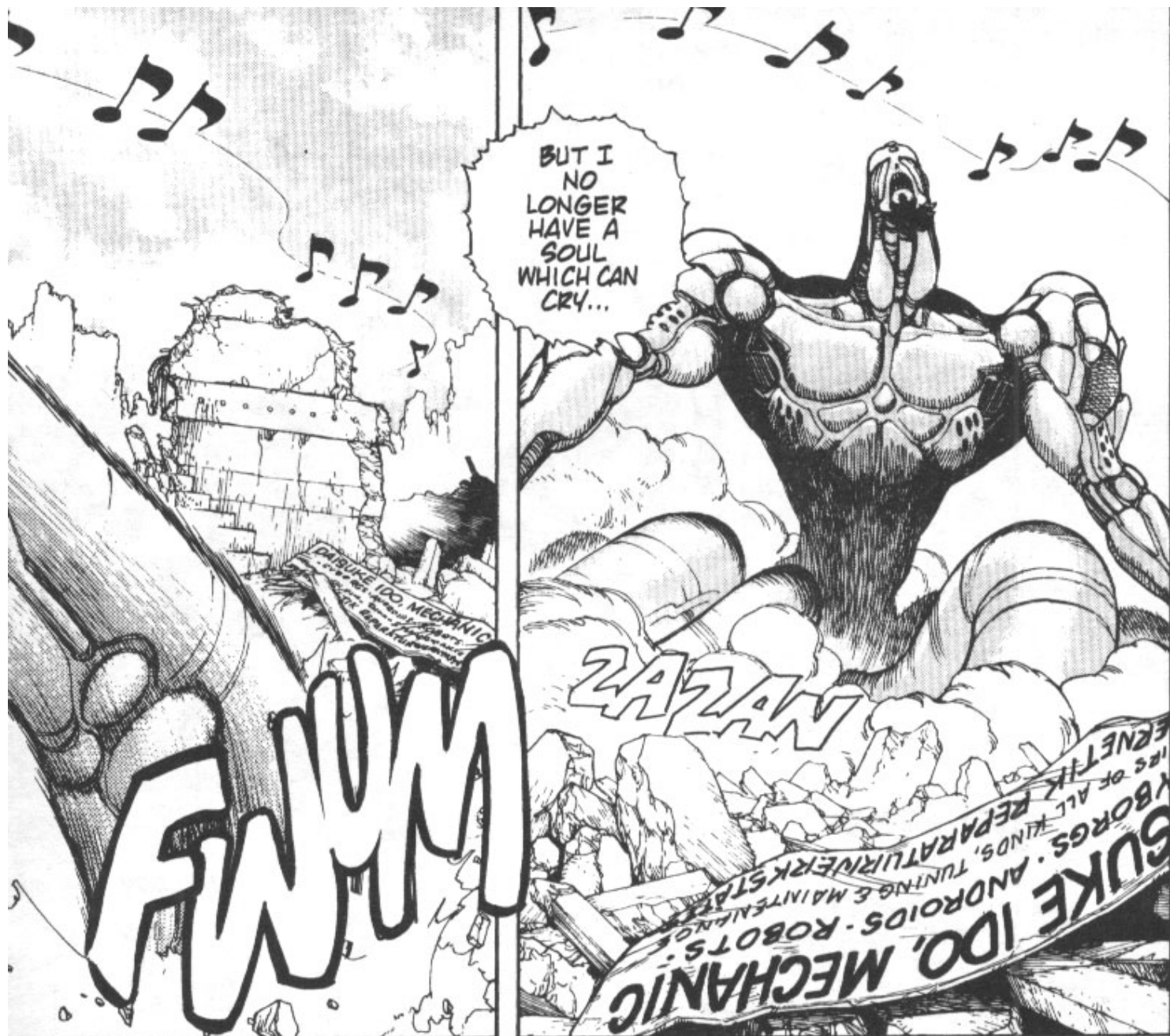


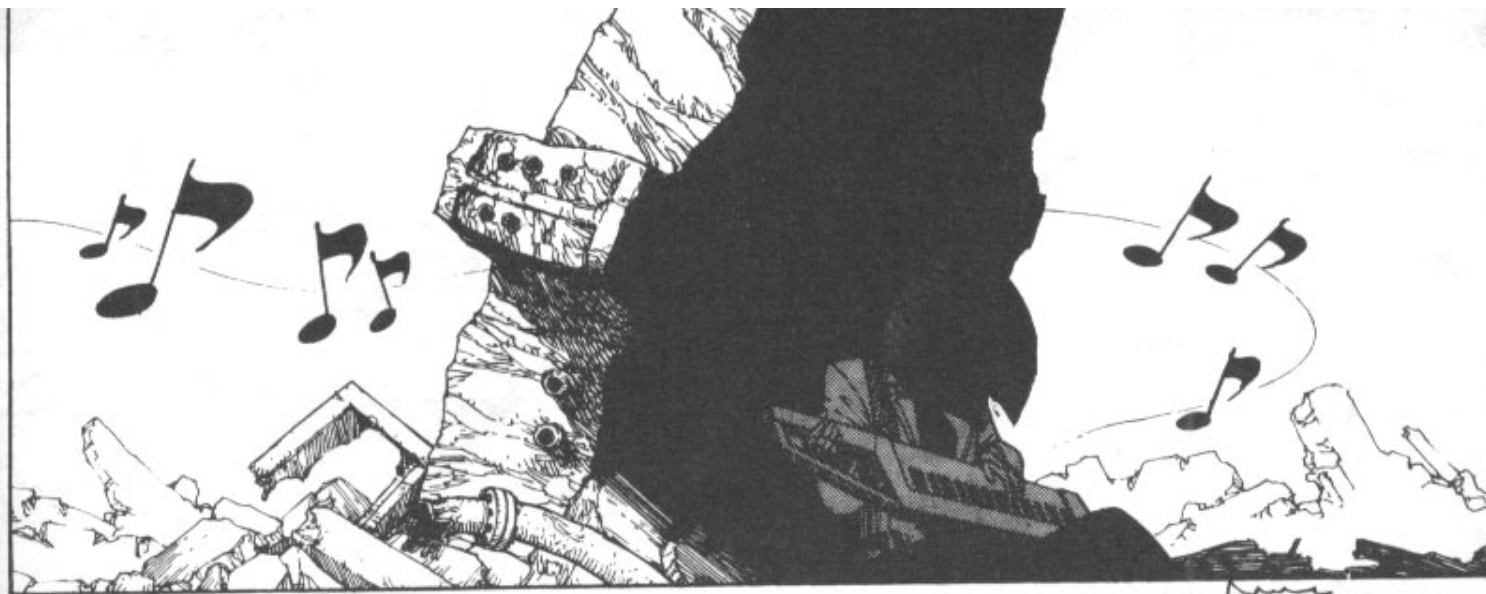
... A MELODY
OF SUCH
BEAUTY AND
SORROW...
IT WAS... SO
MUCH LIKE...



I-I
GRIED
!

I COULDN'T
STOP THE WAVES OF
EMOTION! I WAS
SO MOVED---YET AT
THE SAME TIME
FILLED WITH FEAR...
I COULD DO
NOTHING... EXCEPT
CRY LIKE A
NEWBORN
CHILD...





ALITA...

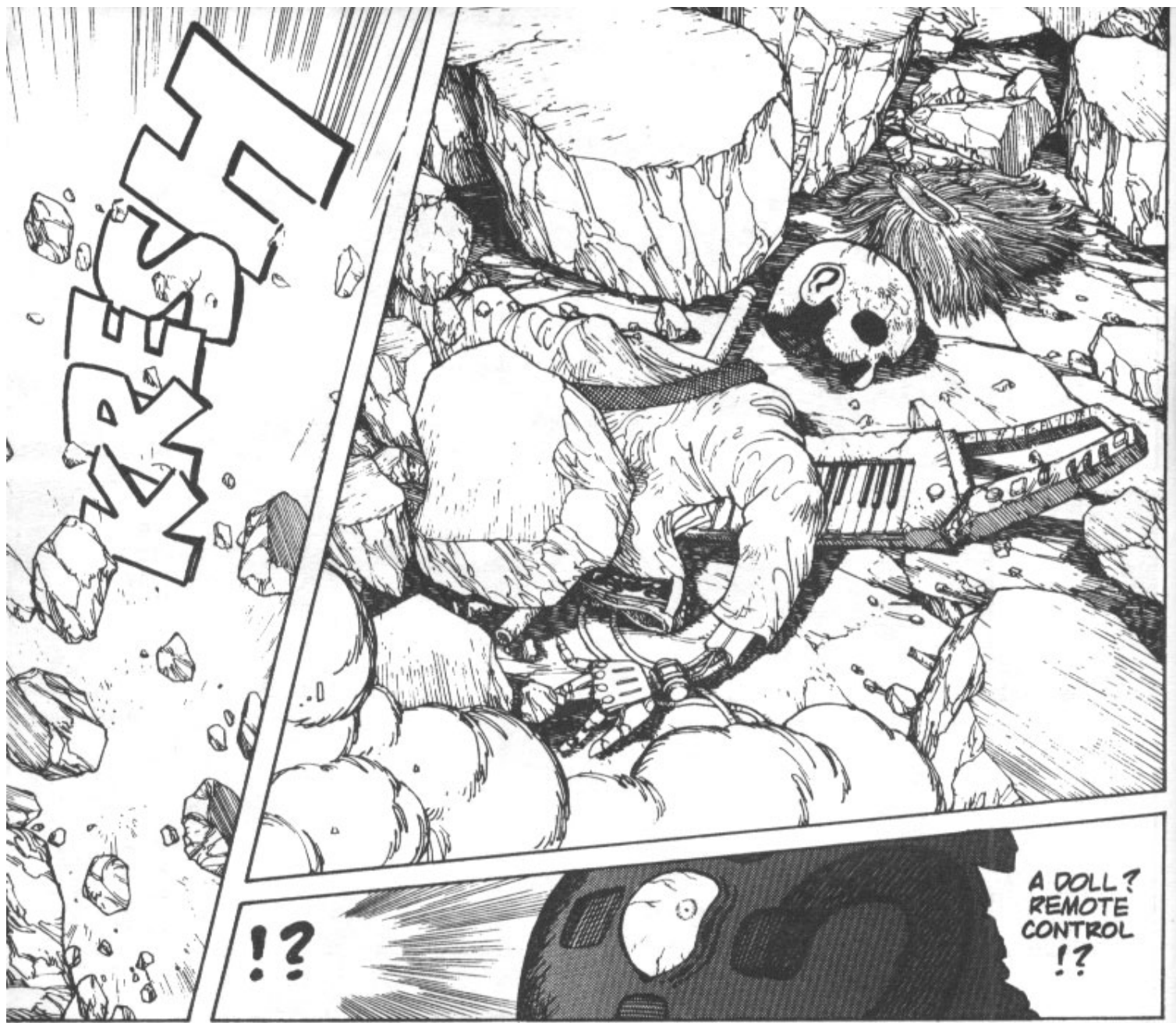
AFTER
I DESTROY
YOU, MY
BODY...

...MY CURSED
BODY...
WILL BE
TORN
INSIDE OUT,
SCATTERED
WITHOUT
A TRACE...

...THIS BODY
HAS A WILL OF
ITS OWN...A WILL
TO DESTROY! I
CANNOT STOP IT!
IT WON'T REST
UNTIL THE WHOLE
TOWN IS
OBLITERATED...!

BUT
THAT'S
FINE
!

THAT IN
ITSELF
IS MY LAST
WISH!







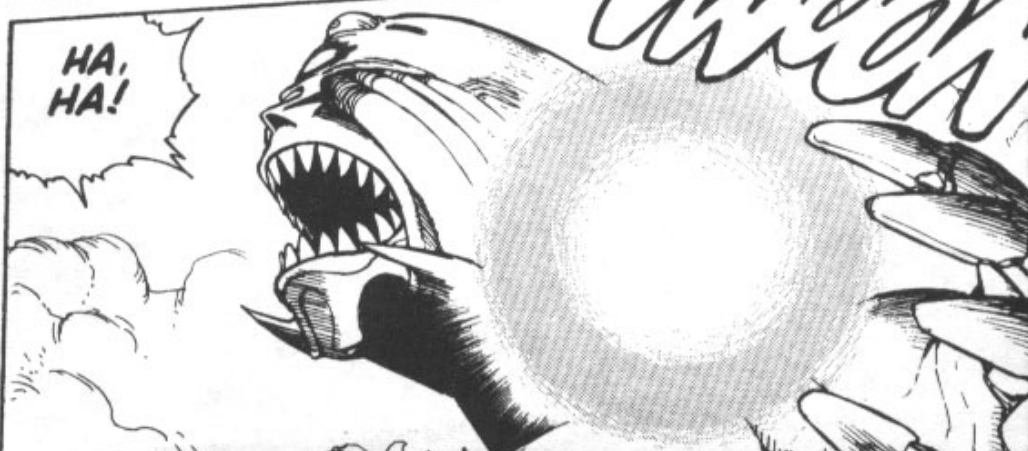


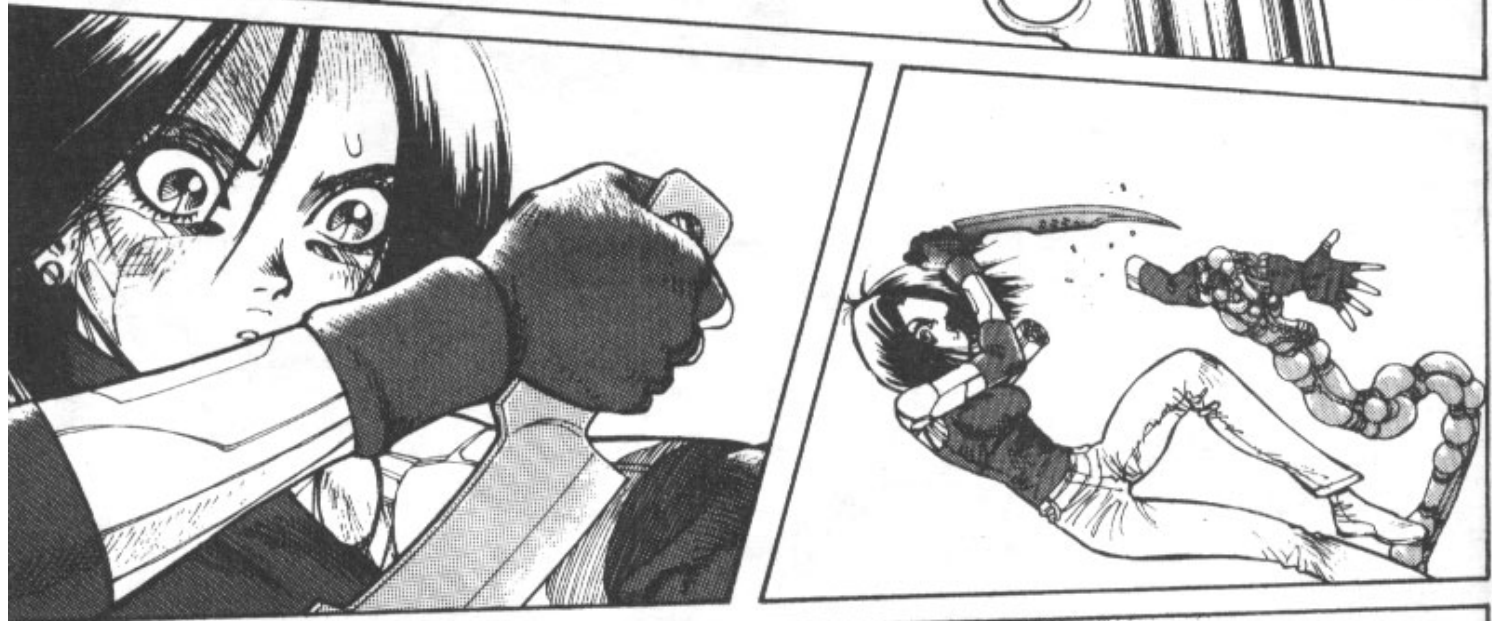
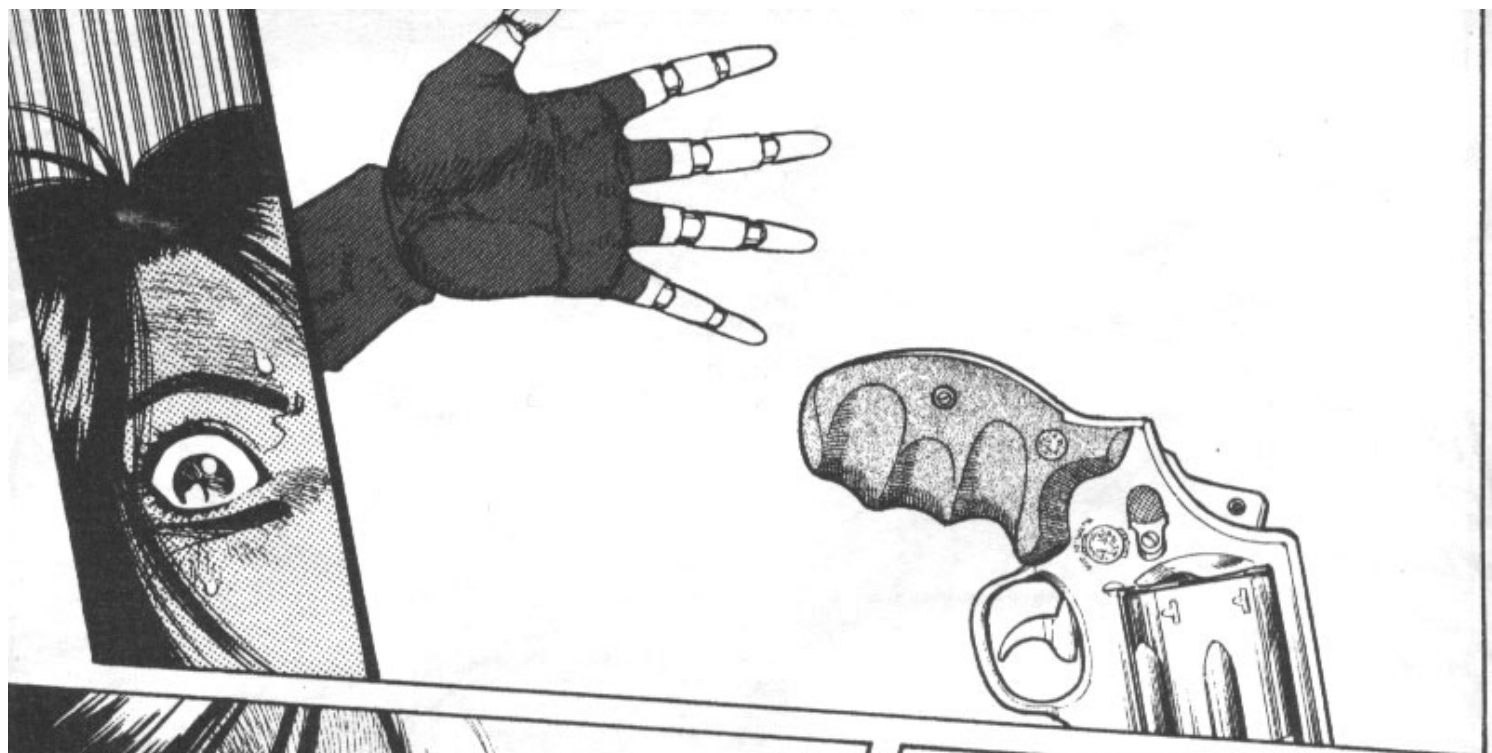


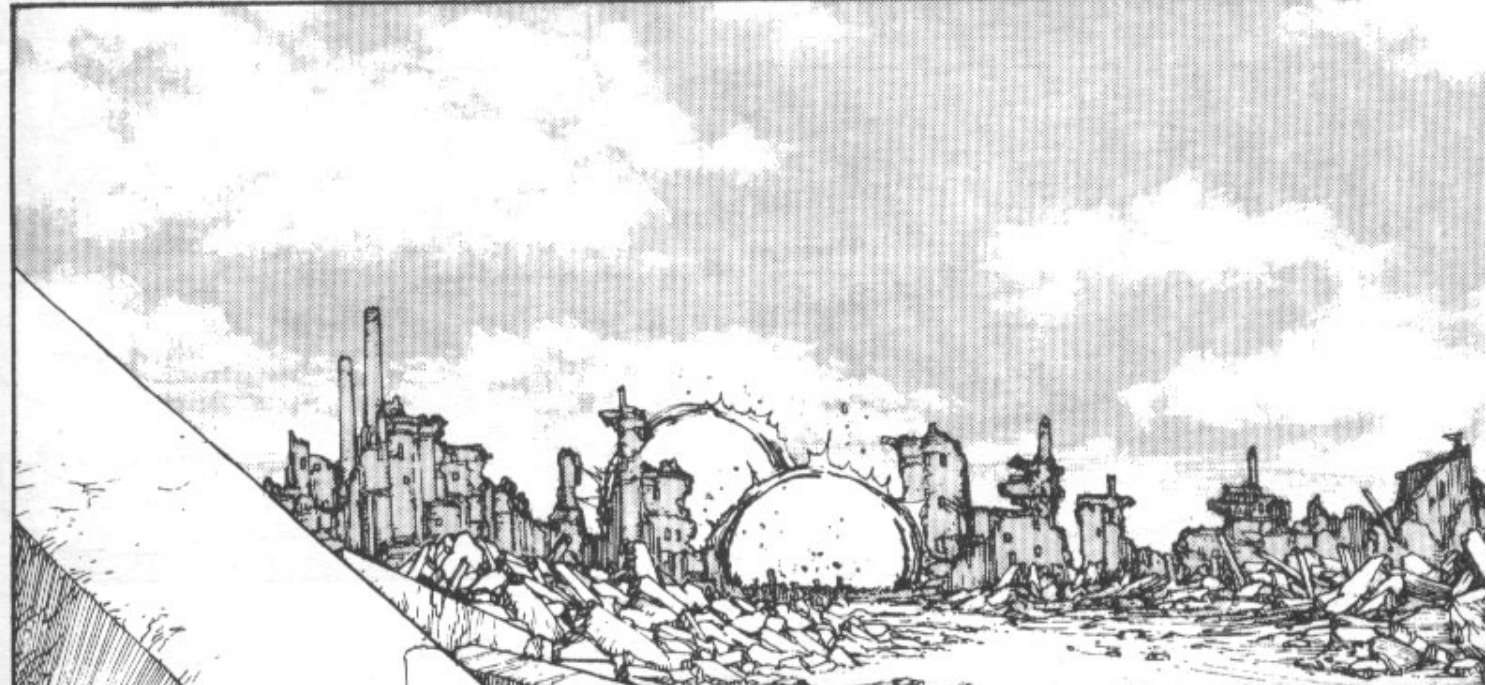
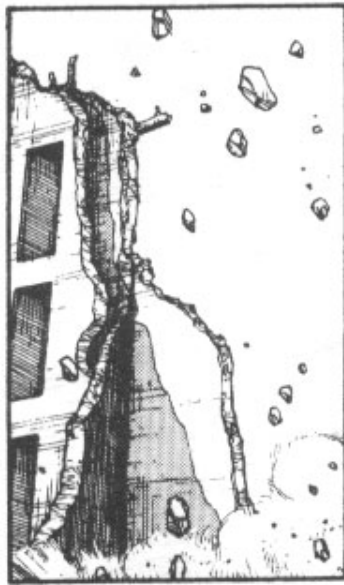
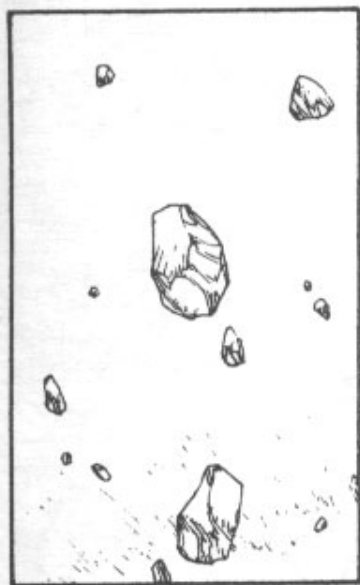
NO
COWARD
WILL BULLY
ME INTO
SURRENDER
!

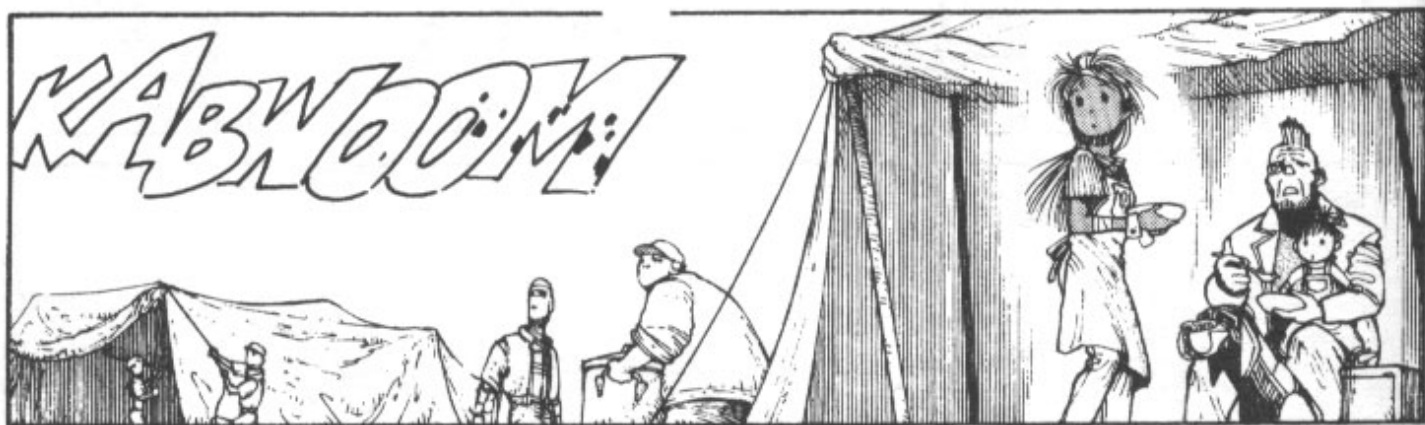
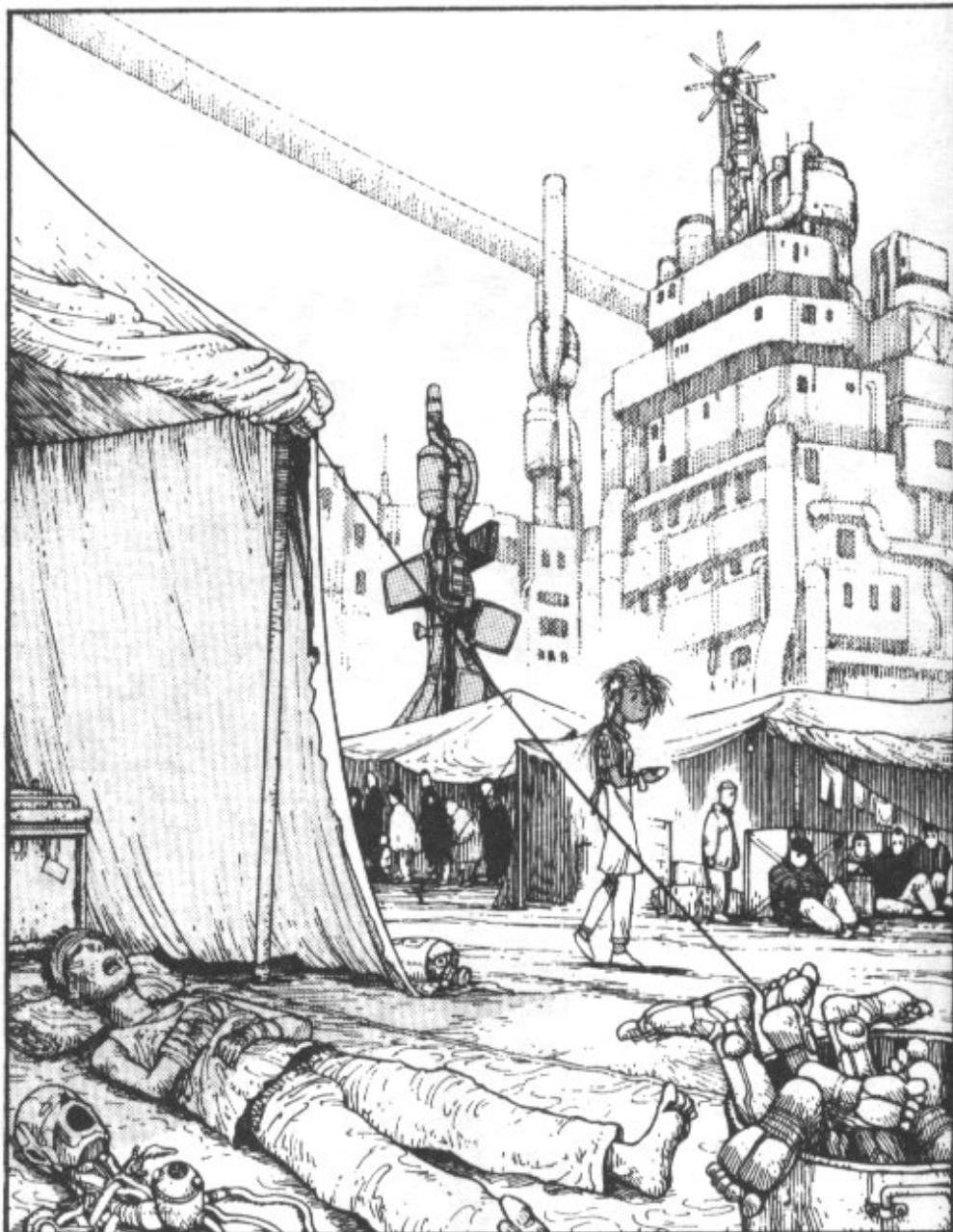


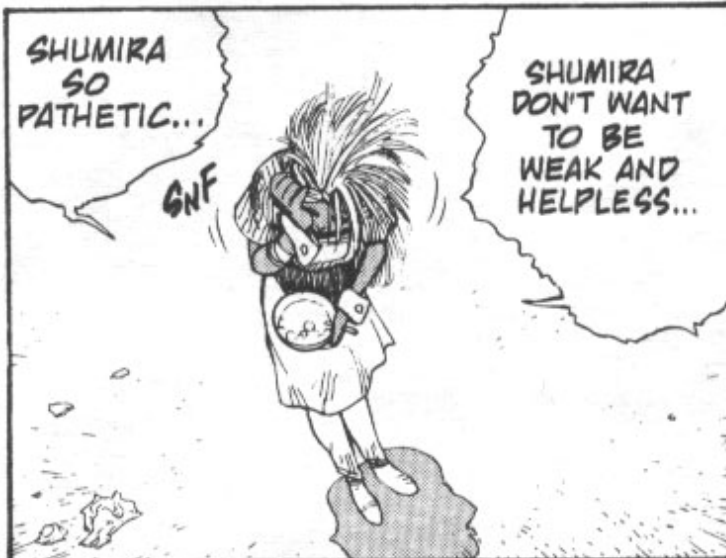
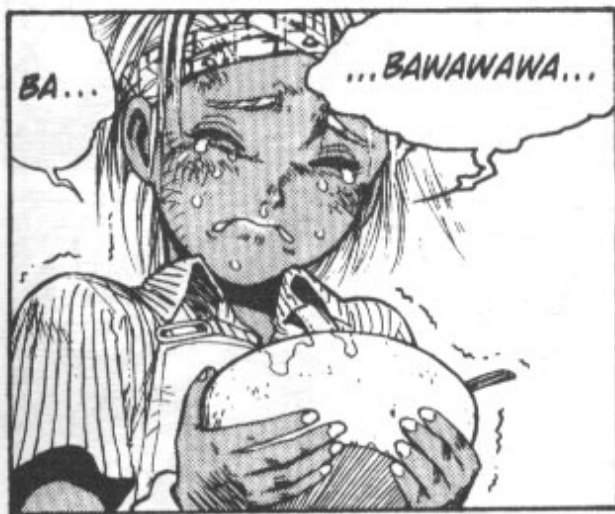
DID YOU
REALLY
THINK I
WOULD LET
MYSELF BE
SACRIFICED
!?















IN THE
PAST,
YOU HAVE
HUMILIATED
ME!
NOW IT'S
MY
TURN!

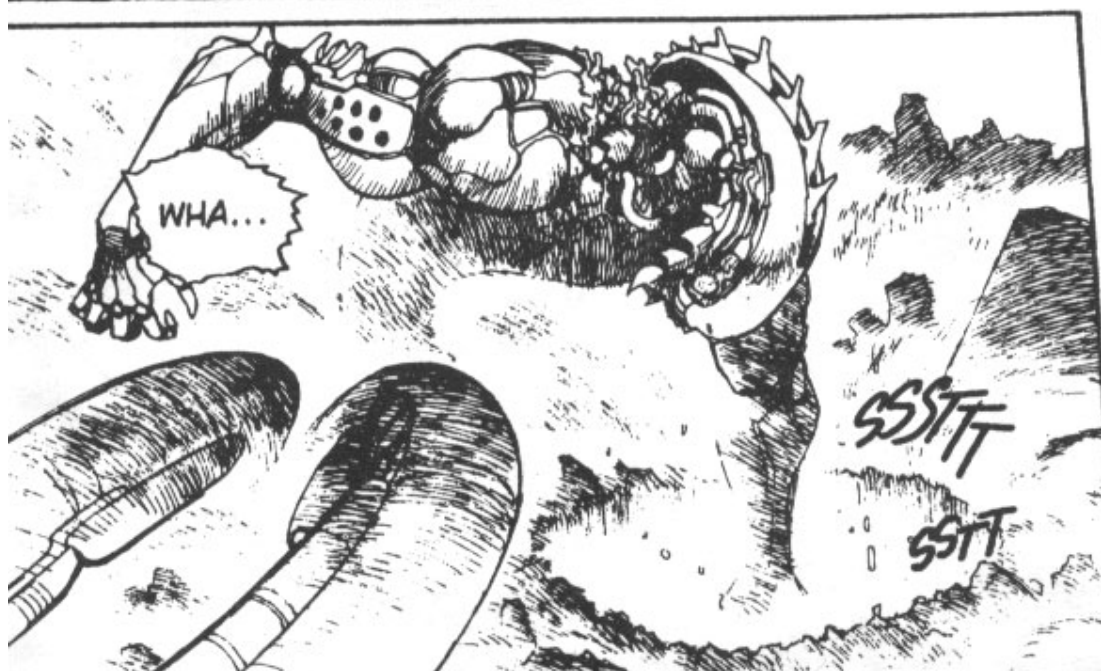
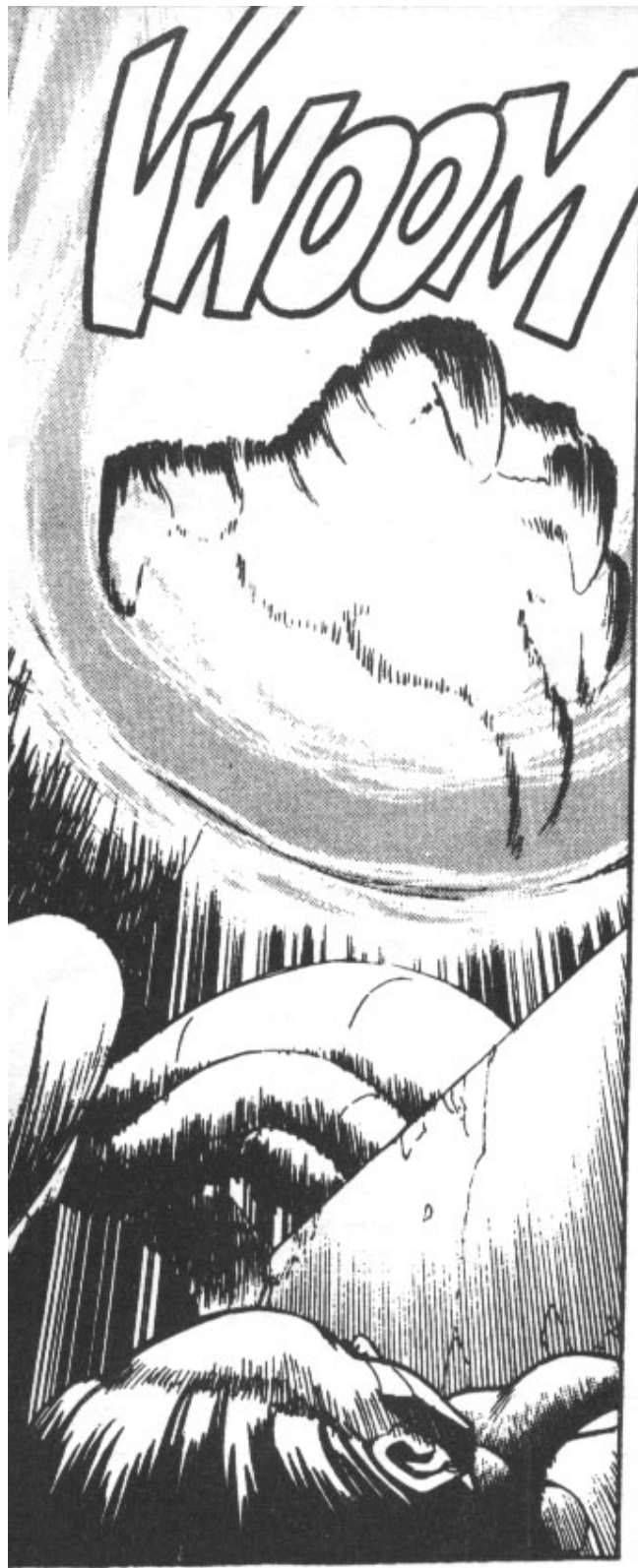


GUN...
!

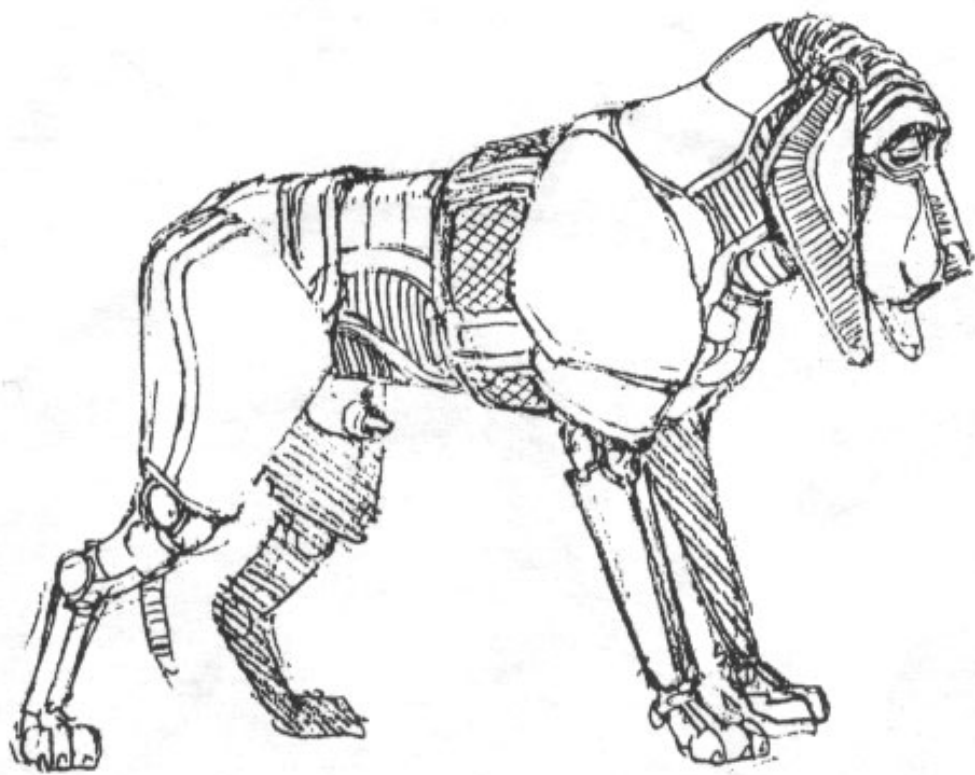


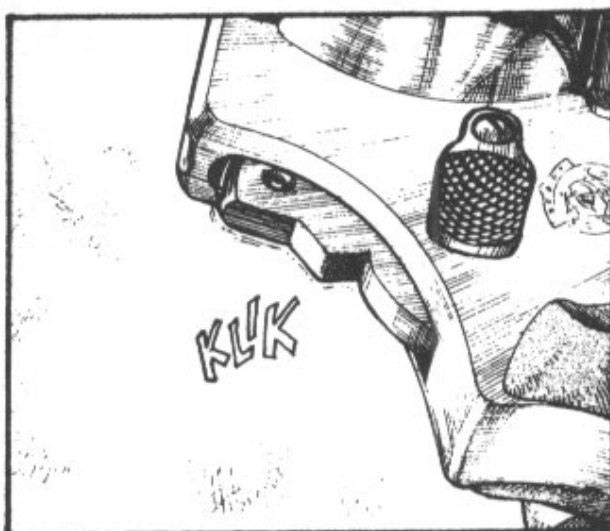
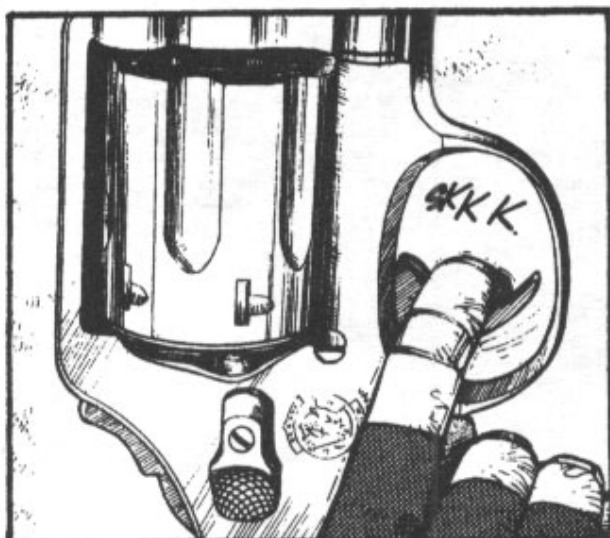
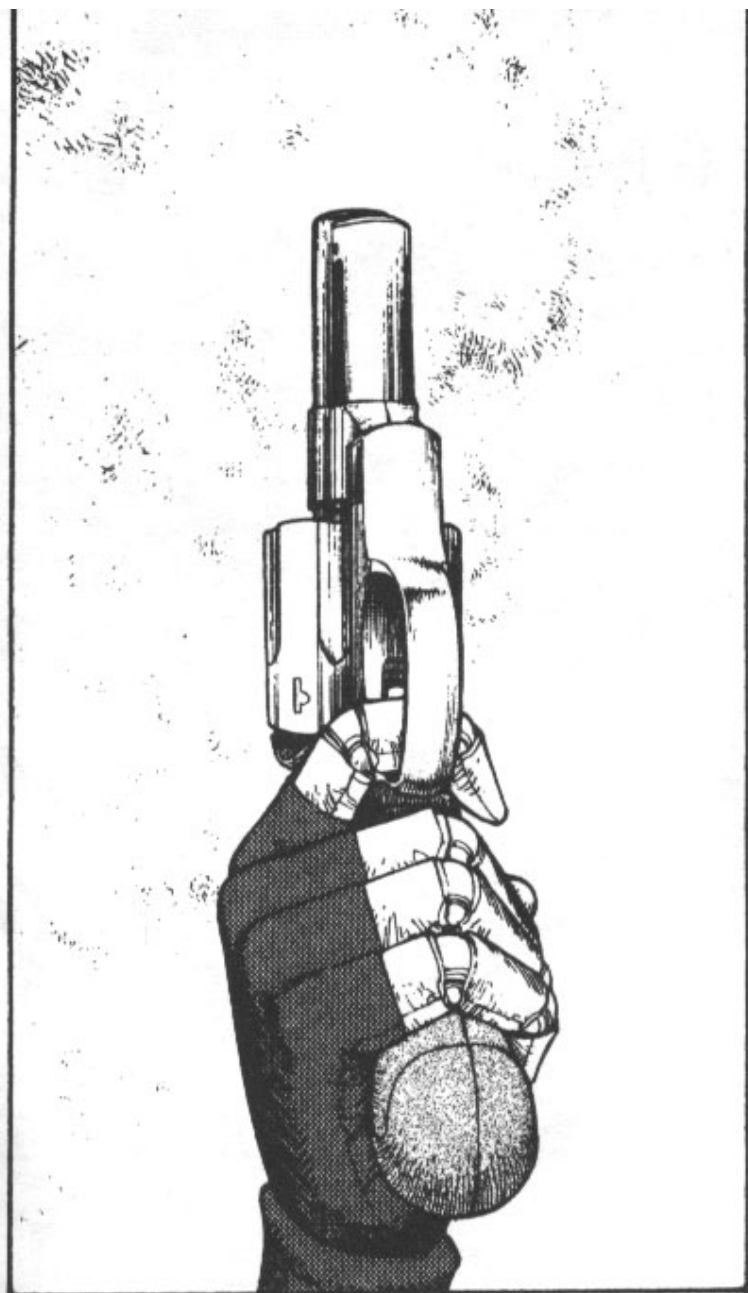
FAREWELL,
MY SIN! MY
EVIL! **FAREWELL**
TO ALL MY
REGRETS!





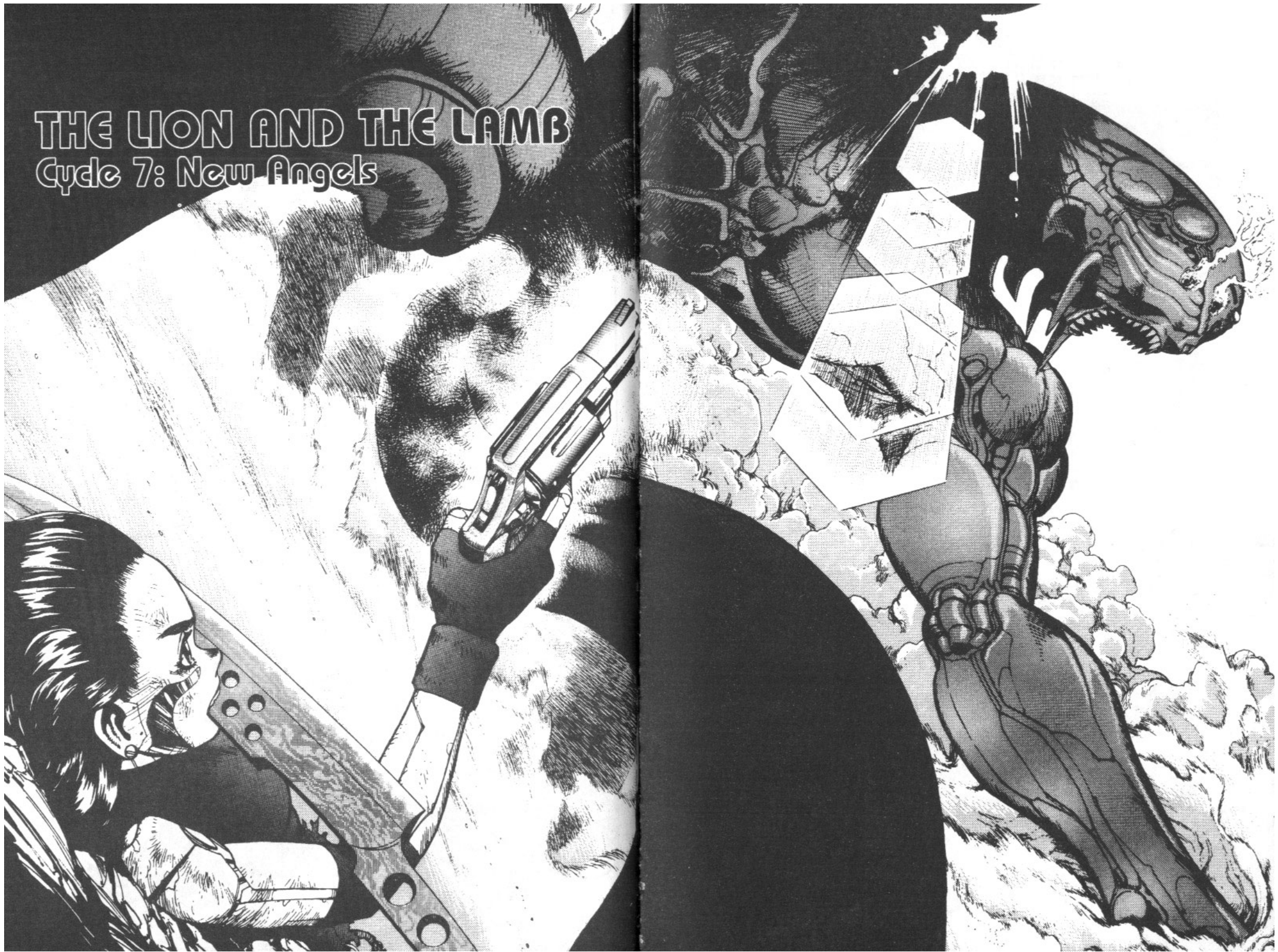






THE LION AND THE LAMB

Cycle 7: New Angels





BUT I SHOT
HIM WITH
COLLAPSER...
!

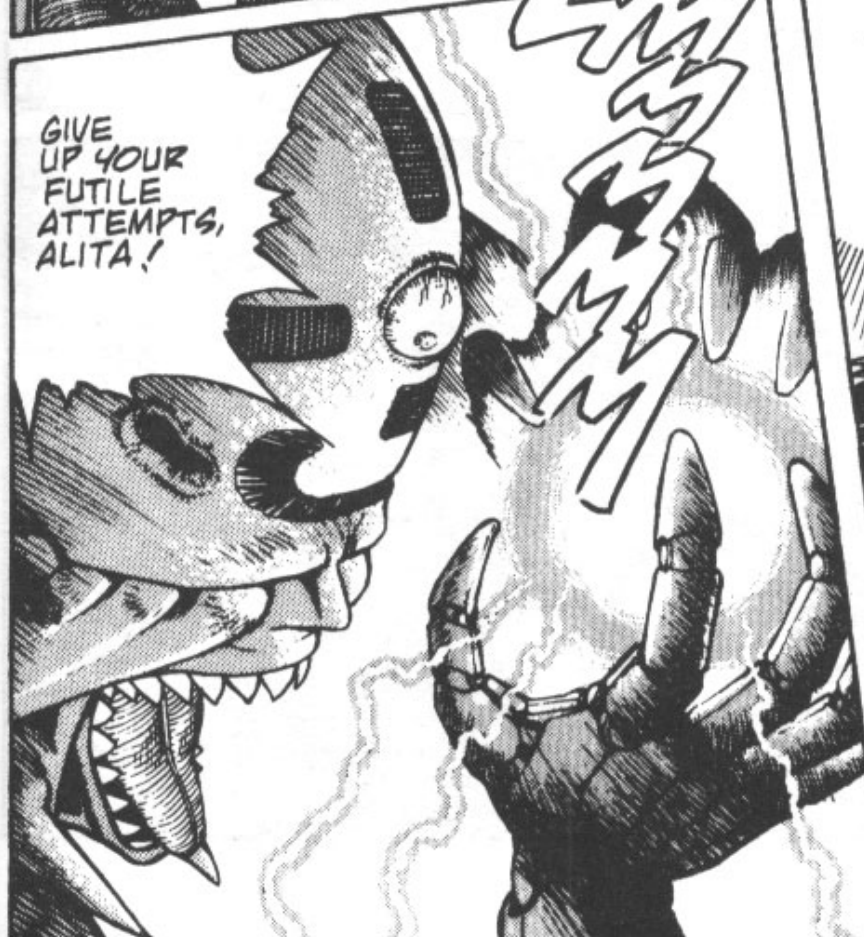




HA
HA
HA
HAHA
HAHA!

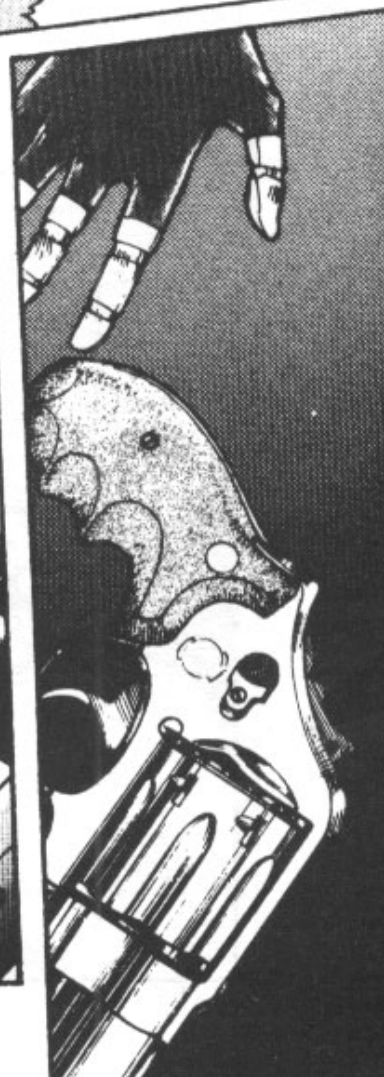
YOU
THOUGHT
MERE
BULLETS
COULD KILL
ME!?

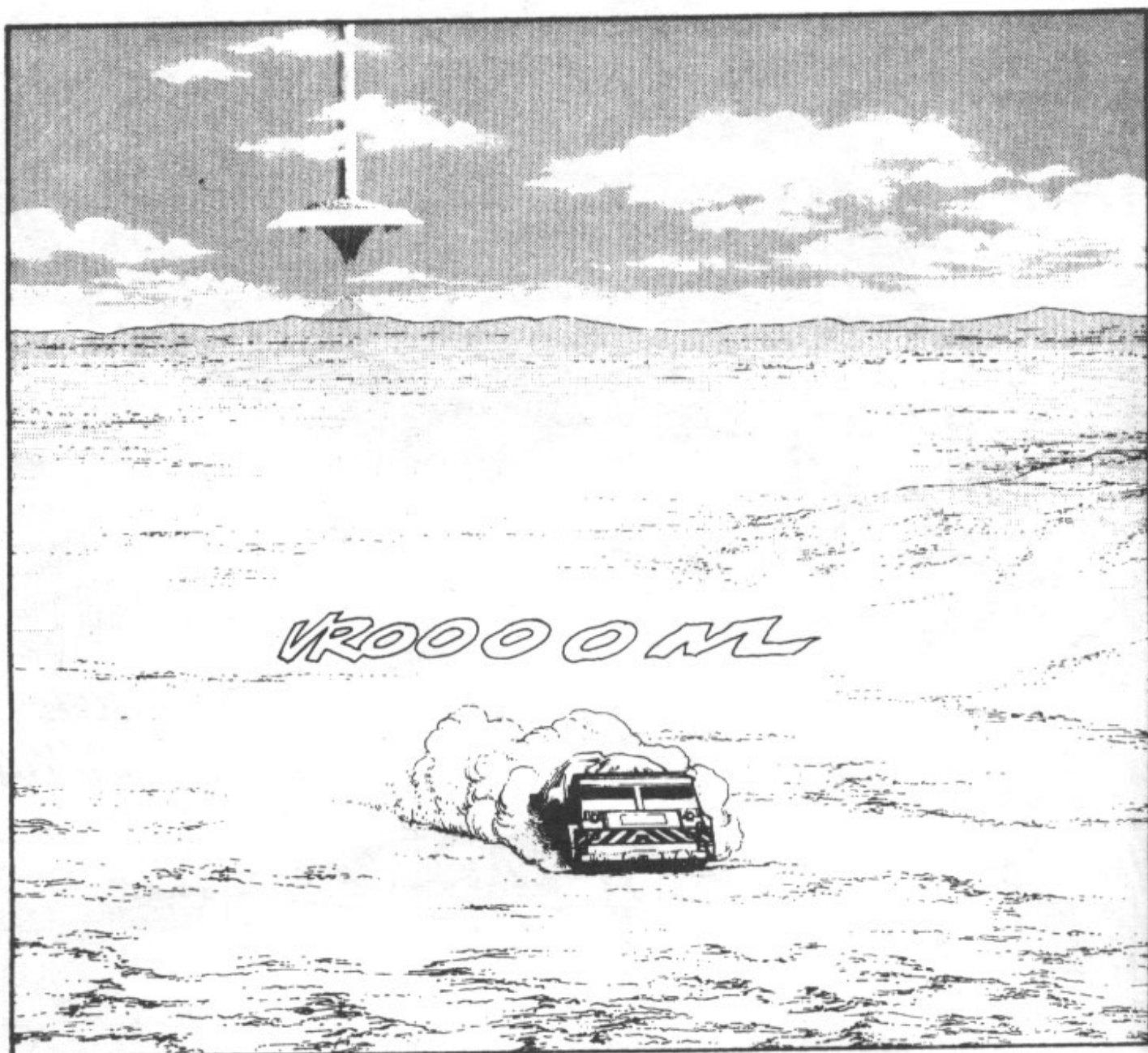
HAHA
HAHA!



GIVE
UP YOUR
FUTILE
ATTEMPTS,
ALITA!

N-NO!
DID DESTY
NOVA
DECEIVE
ME--!?







DO YOU
THINK
HE WAS
ABLE TO
CONQUER
HIS
KARMA
?

PROBABLY
NOT... THE SAD
REALITY IS,
PEOPLE HAVE
A HARD
ENOUGH
TIME JUST
SURVIVING.

SNORT...



BUT WE
LIVE ON...
REPEATING
THE SAME
MISTAKES
TIME AND
TIME AGAIN--
THAT'S OUR
LIFE STORY,
OUR HISTORY.

AND HOW WE
COMPREHEND
AND COPE WITH
THAT TRUTH
IS THE BASIS
OF MY
LIFELONG
RESEARCH!



BY THE
WAY, YOU
SAID YOU
WERE
GOING TO
BRING
THIS MAN
BACK TO
LIFE...

DOCTOR
IDO IS TO
BECOME MY
VALUABLE
ASSISTANT!
I PLAN TO
REVIVE HIM
COMPLETELY!



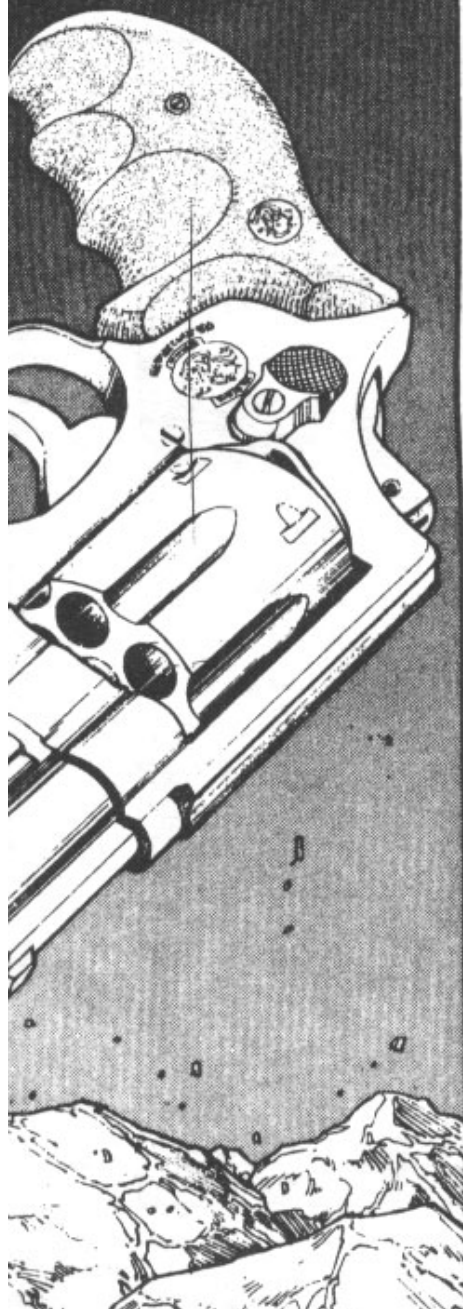
GOOD. BUT
I DON'T
WANT YOU
TO USE ANY
METAL OR
PLASTICS... I
LIKE MEN OF
FLESH.



KYAHAAAA!
BUT OF
COURSE!
YOU ARE SO
FINICKY!

**NOW,
ALITA--
YOU
DIE!**

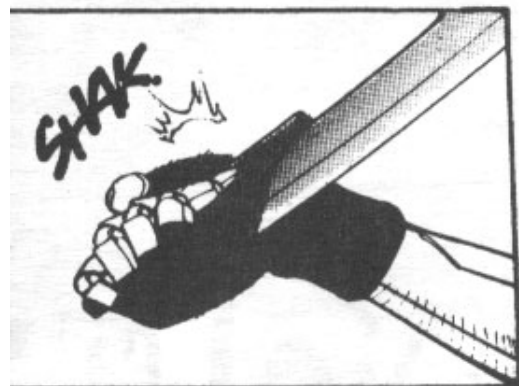
WOOO







YAA ARGH!!





YOU
LOSE,
ZAPAN!

THE
COLLAPSER
INSIDE
YOU IS
STARTING
TO **ROT**
THE
BERSERKER
BODY
AWAY!

ZAPAN...

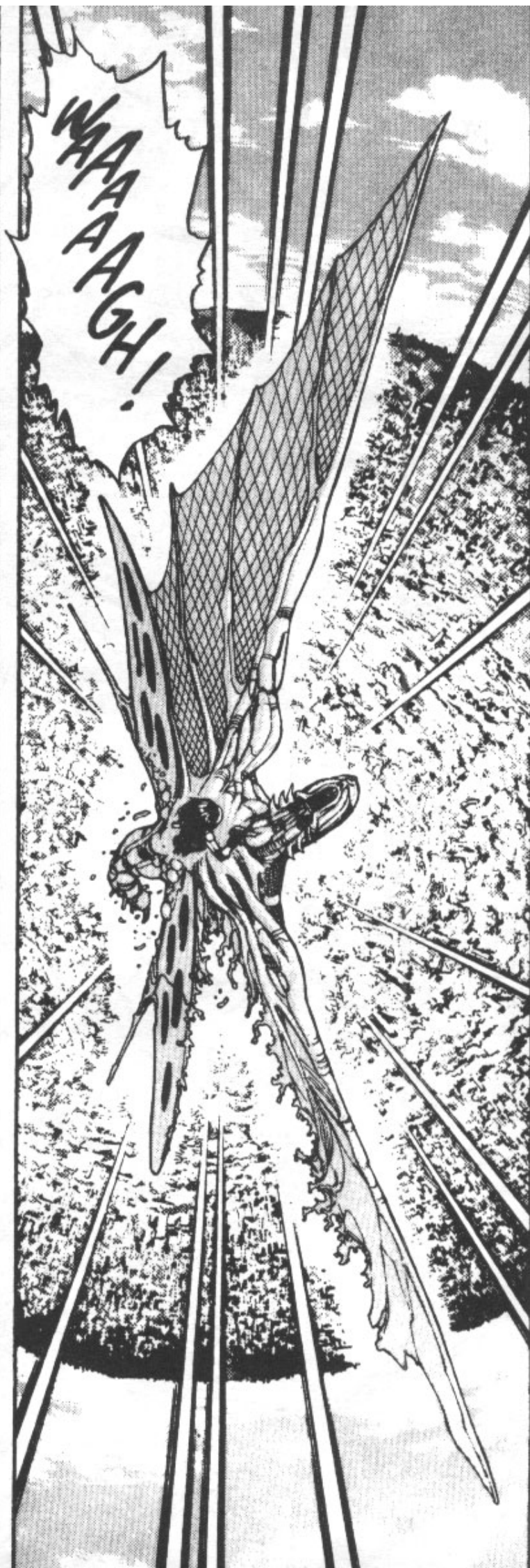


... IT'S
BETTER YOU
CEASE
TO EXIST!



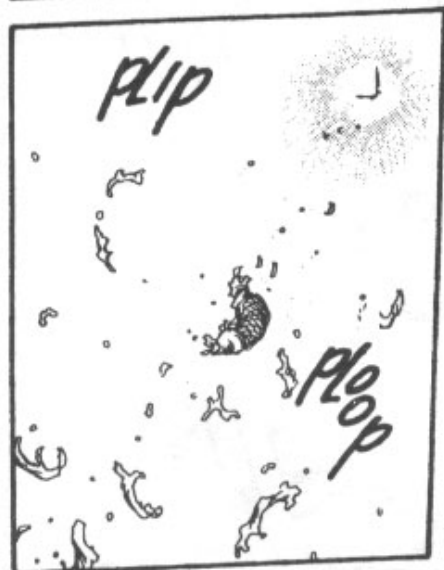
AAA
AARGH!

POOR
FATG



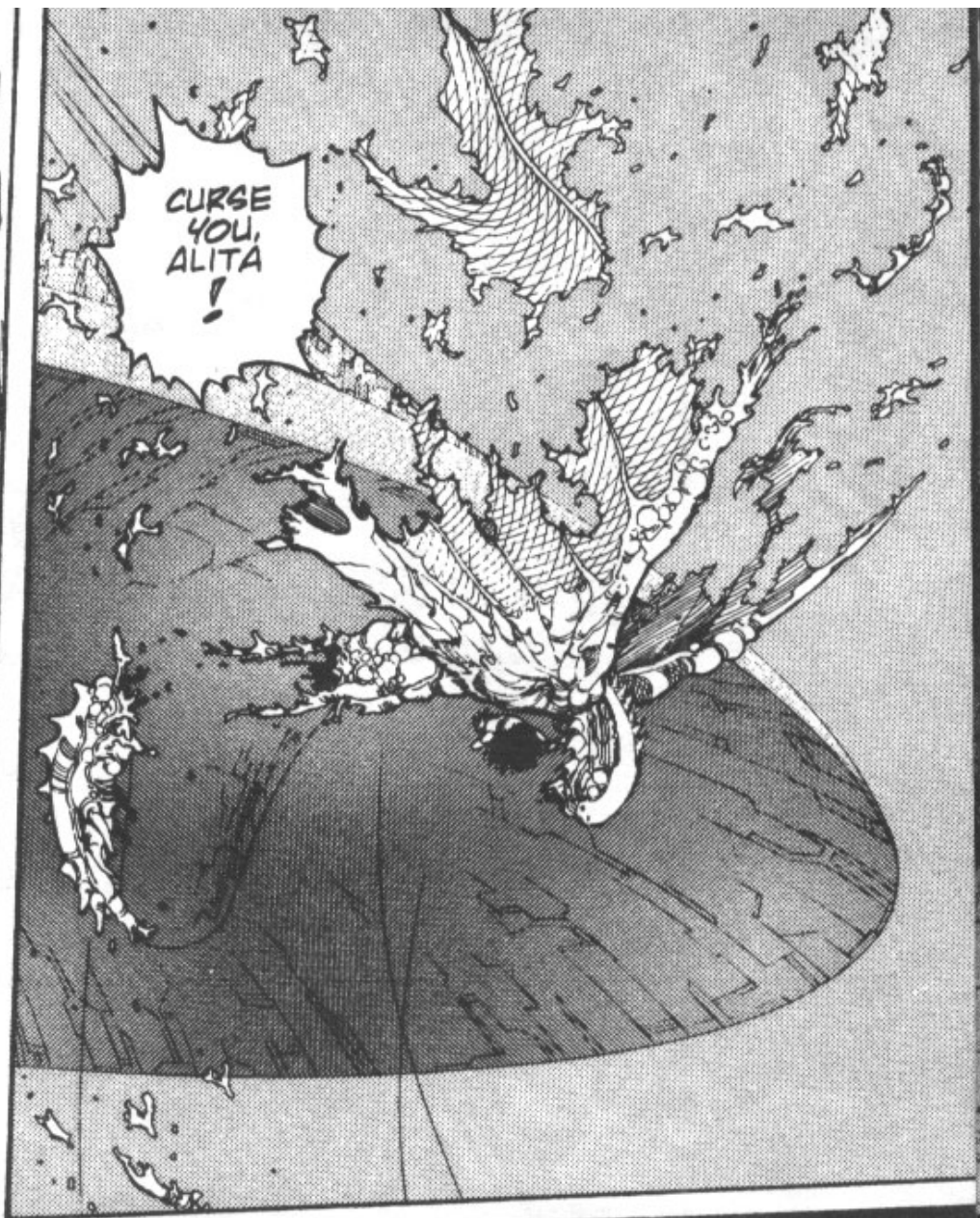


ERGH!



Plip

Plop



CURSE YOU, ALITA!



I-I WILL NOT DIE ALONE!

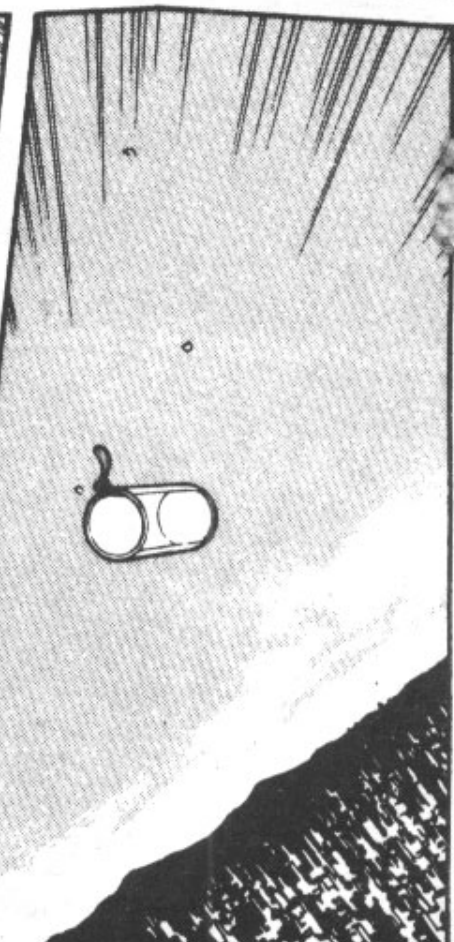
I'LL TAKE YOU WITH ME TO HELL!



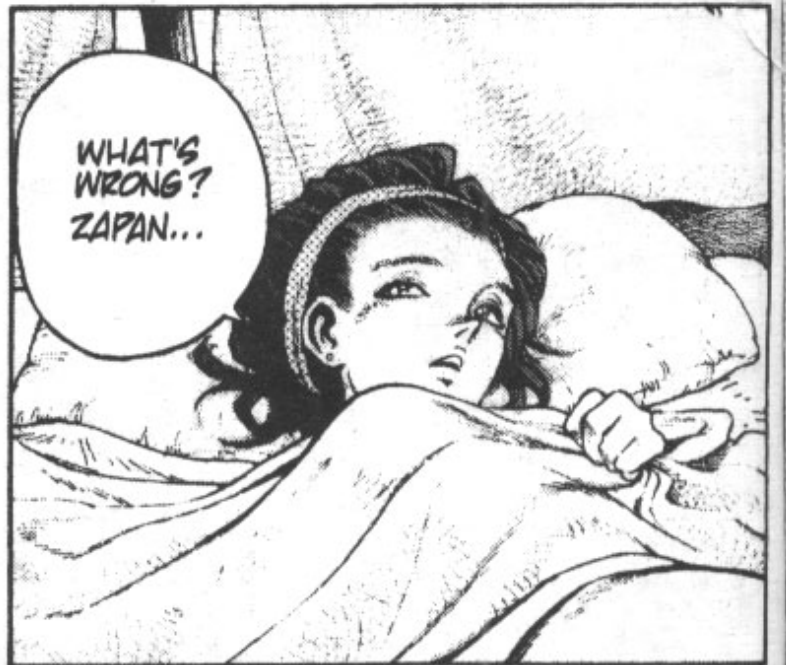
BLIP

BLOOP

Nooo!

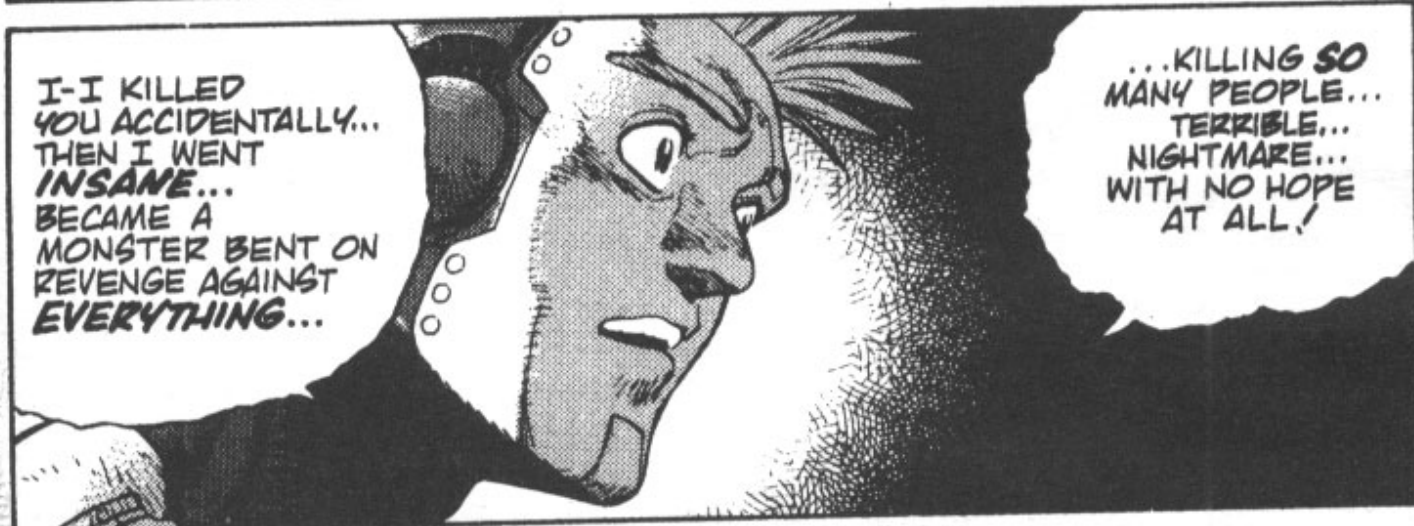








JUST A
HORRIBLE
NIGHTMARE...
THAT'S
ALL.



I-I KILLED
YOU ACCIDENTALLY...
THEN I WENT
INSANE...
BECAME A
MONSTER BENT ON
REVENGE AGAINST
EVERYTHING...

...KILLING **SO**
MANY PEOPLE...
TERRIBLE...
NIGHTMARE...
WITH NO HOPE
AT ALL!



DON'T WORRY
YOURSELF... IT'S
JUST A DREAM.
YOU WOULD
NEVER DO
SUCH A
THING.



SARA, I'M
SO
UNCERTAIN...

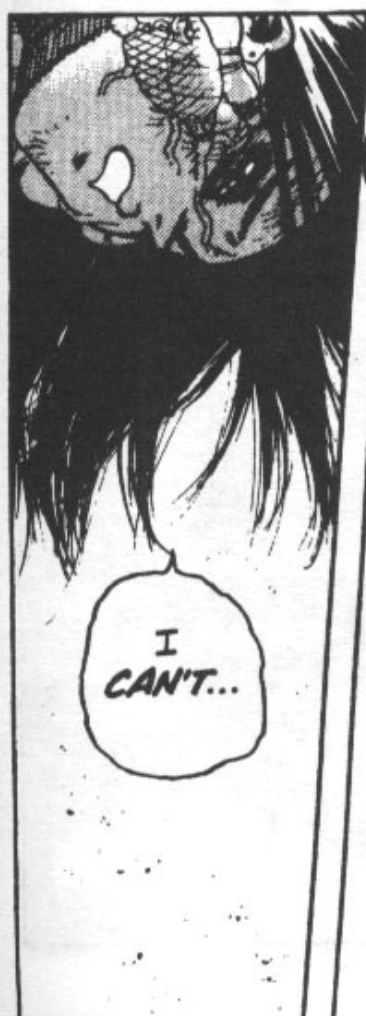
...IT
SCARES
ME... IF
I EVER
LOSE
YOU...



...I KNOW
THAT ONLY
TOO WELL,
ZAPAN...





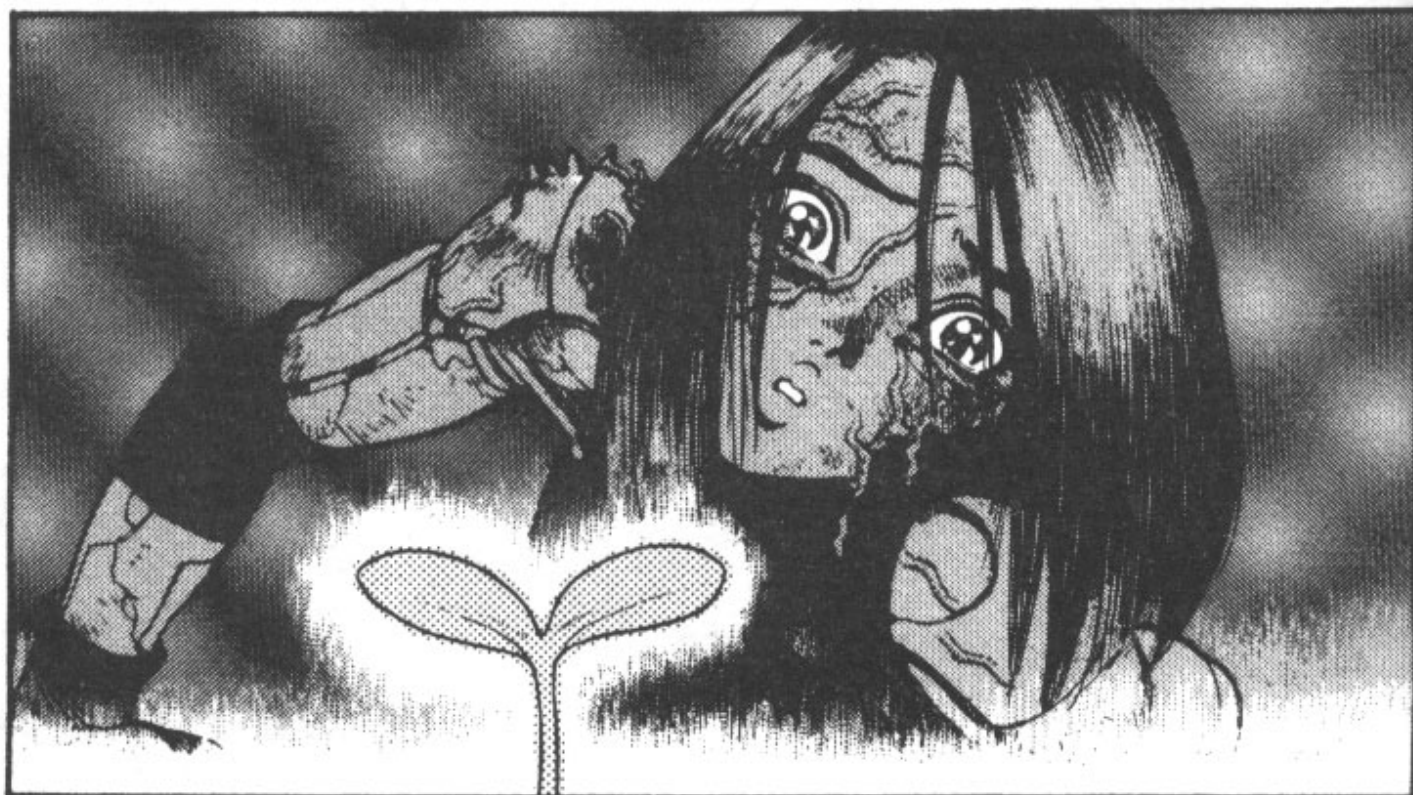
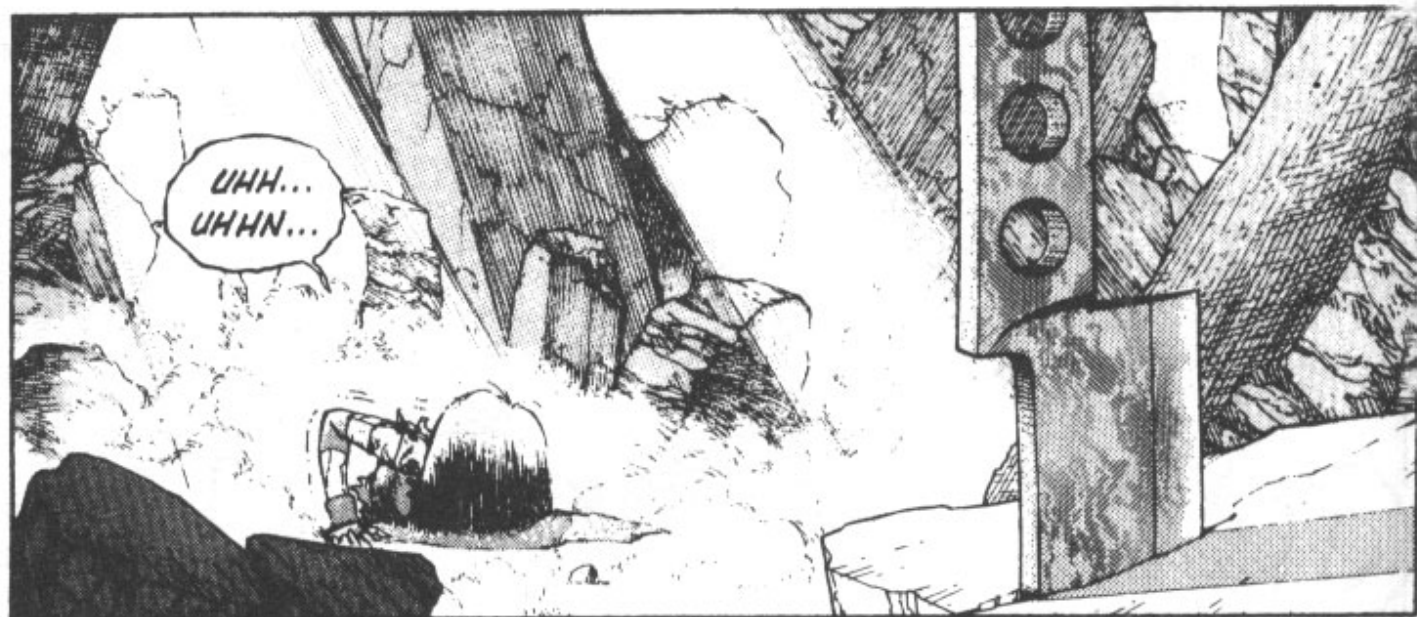


I
CAN'T...



...M-MY HEART'S
NOT BIG
ENOUGH...

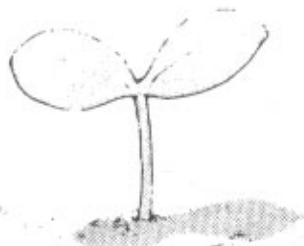




WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?

IDO GIVE
TO ALITA FOR
PRESENT!

PLANTING SEEDS...
A FLOWER CALLED
SWEET PEA.



IT'S
SPROUTED...

DOES
SWEET PEA
FLOWER
MEAN
SOMETHING
?



LET'S SEE...
IT SAYS,
"FOND
MEMORIES."

